

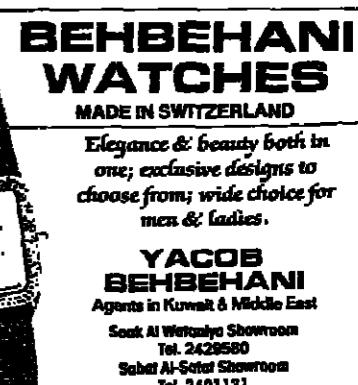


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## Floods claim over 700 in India, 14 in Pakistan

NEW DELHI, July 26. (Agencies): More than 700 people have been killed in one of the worst monsoon storms to hit India in recent years, local news agencies reported today.

More than 500 people were killed in the western state of Maharashtra. Over 2,000 were reported missing, including 1,000 fishermen caught by storms in the Arabian Sea, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

Bombay, the state capital and India's commercial centre, was paralysed for a third day.

Air and train services were disrupted, streets deserted, and shops were closed. Stock and commodity exchanges only opened in the afternoon to sparse trading.

Thirty-seven people were crushed to death by a landslide in Vaju, a village near Bombay, PTI said.

In Andhra Pradesh, 119 people died. State Chief Minister Rama Rao said nearly 70,000 homes were damaged.

Storms also left a trail of destruction across South India, killing at least 39 people, PTI said.

And in neighbouring Pakistan, heavy rains killed 14 people and injured more than 50, it was reported today.

All the deaths were in Karachi. Pakistan's biggest city and business centre, which has been hit by heavy rains for three days, the Associated Press of Pakistan news agency reported.

Eleven of the deaths came in the first two

days, and three of the injured died today, raising the toll to 14, hospital officials said.

Most of the deaths and injuries were caused by houses collapsing on sleeping people. Parts of the city were also hit by floods from two small rivers, the Mair and Lyari, which washed away dozens of huts in city's low-lying slum areas, police said.

Some of the flights to and from Karachi have been delayed as a result of the rains, an official of Pakistan International Airlines said.

## NEWSWATCH

### Kuwait fined

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 26. (AP): FIFA, the International Football Federation, today fined Kuwait \$31,000 for bad organization of a World Cup qualifying match against UAE this year.

Kuwait was one of the 12 countries fined by FIFA today for breaking international rules. The fine on Kuwait is one of the highest in FIFA history.

### Charges dropped

WASHINGTON, July 26. (Reuter): A judge granted the request of special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh yesterday to dismiss some of the most serious charges against former National Security adviser John Poindexter in the Iran-Contra case.

But judge Harold Greene ruled that the charges of theft of government property and fraud could not be brought against Poindexter again after his trial. Walsh had asked that he have the right to raise the charges again if necessary.

### Woman in coma

ROME, July 26. (AP): A woman who arrived at Leonardo Da Vinci airport in a coma was found to have 80 capsules of heroin in her stomach, the Italian news agency AGI reported today.

According to the report, the woman arrived on a flight from Karachi, Pakistan, on Saturday. She was hospitalized but doctors were at a loss to explain her condition until airport police suggested that her stomach be x-rayed for smuggled drugs.

Doctors then removed 82 capsules of heroin from her intestinal tract, the dispatch said.

### Baig surrenders

ISLAMABAD, July 26. (Reuter): A Pakistani businessman suspected of controlling a global drug smuggling ring surrendered to police today, the official APP news agency said.

Mirza Mohammad Iqbal Baig, named as a drug baron by a convicted Japanese drug carrier in a 1985 British Broadcasting Corporation documentary film, surrendered to the Pakistan narcotics Control Board in Islamabad after more than a month in hiding.

APP said Baig, based in Lahore, capital of Punjab province, was sought in connection with investigations into large-scale drug smuggling to Europe, the United States and India.

Hisayoshi Maruyama, arrested in Amsterdam in 1983 with 17 kg (38 pounds) of heroin and later sentenced to 10 years in jail, told the BBC he worked for a Lahore-based organization led by Baig.

### Caesarean

NEW YORK, July 26. (Reuter): Wealthy women in the United States are nearly twice as likely to deliver a baby by Caesarean section than poor women, regardless of age, race or complications during pregnancy. US researchers

report.

US researchers at the University of California at Berkeley suggest Caesareans are less common among poor women because they are less likely to have private physicians.

### Soviet denial

KUWAIT, July 26. (KUNA): Soviet leadership had denied concluding big arms deals with Iran that could affect the military balance in the region, says a Kuwaiti daily today.

In a news dispatch from Paris Al Qabas newspaper quoted what it described as high ranking Arab sources as saying the Soviet leadership had contacted some Arab countries it did not name that it would not supply Iran with advanced offensive weapons that could lead to destabilising the Arabian Gulf.

### Wicked father

AMMAN, July 26. (KUNA): A greedy Jewish father broke his 6-year-old son's skull because he ate from his food.

Latest edition of daily Jerusalem newspaper, published in occupied Jerusalem, said that Israeli police released this wicked father on bail after transferring the unconscious boy to Shiba hospital.

## PLO softens election stand

### Land for peace new condition

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 26. (Agencies): The PLO is ready to accept Israel's election proposal, softening its conditions but still insisting the Israeli government accept the policy of trading land for peace, government officials and lawmakers said today.

The Palestinian concessions, they said, are outlined in a US government memo sent to Israeli leaders by PLO chief Yasser Arafat this week through a circuitous route involving a Soviet official.

In Washington, a State Department source said the memo was apparently a summary of discussions at the US-PLO dialogue in Tunis.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry said he was not aware of the document, but legislators and other officials confirmed its existence.

The chief concession in the document is the PLO's dropping of its demand for Israel to withdraw from the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip before elections can be held.

Israel proposed the elections in a peace initiative adopted by the cabinet in May which calls for 1.7 million Palestinians in the occupied territories to choose delegates to negotiate an interim settlement of self.

Some sources said Israel and the PLO also were considering agreeing on Palestinian negotiations, who would then be elected with PLO-backing.

Legislator Benjamin Bleier of the left-leaning Labour Party said the idea was based on "a convergence of interests between us and Arafat" to prevent extremists from being elected.

The reported PLO stand was likely to deepen divisions in Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's fractious governing coalition, made up of Shamir's right-wing Likud bloc and Labour.

Although at odds with Shamir's outspoken objections to relinquishing control of the occupied territories, the PLO concessions were in line with most stands of Labour.

The disclosures came amid controversy in the cabinet over reports of indirect Israeli contacts with the PLO despite a policy that bans such dialogue.

Leaders of the Labour Party say otherwise and maintain Israel is negotiating with the PLO indirectly through American, Romanian, Egyptian and West German intermediaries.

Three Labour legislators said the PLO has already told Israel that Arafat would accept the elections idea if the government agrees to certain conditions, including:

■ Acceptance of the US-backed land-for-peace formula.

■ Army withdrawal to predetermined positions on election day.

■ Allowing international observers for the voting. One report said the PLO also softened its position on agreeing to an Egyptian-American team instead of UN supervision.

■ Israel's assurance that Palestinian candidates would have freedom of speech and immunity from prosecution.

■ Acceptance by Israel of UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, which call on Israel to give up occupied land, and Israel's recognition of the political rights of the Palestinian people.

The United States has told the Soviet Union it might put its weight behind the Palestinian idea that elections in the Israeli-occupied territories should be tied to an overall settlement, a senior PLO official said in Tunis.

In talks in Tunis last week, Tarassov told a team of PLO negotiators that this was the message they were receiving from Washington, PLO executive committee member Yasser Abed Rabbo said.

The report referred to health problems induced by the new affluent social conditions, such as cardiovascular diseases, nutritional diseases and malignancies.

## Lankans vent anger 14 Indians die

COLOMBO, July 26. (UPI): A bomb set by Sinhalese extremists exploded today outside an Indian bank without causing casualties and the central government was virtually paralysed by a strike called to demand an Indian troop withdrawal from the island, officials said.

In related development, the Indian High Commission said 14 Indian soldiers were killed and six others wounded in a landmine attack yesterday in Northeastern Province by ethnic Tamil rebels of the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE).

The high commission — New Delhi's embassy — said the blast occurred as an Indian convoy was travelling towards the port town of Trincomalee, 160 miles (260 km) northeast of Colombo. It gave no further details.

Indian troops were deployed in Northeastern Province, home to most of Sri Lanka's 3 million Tamils, to enforce a July 29, 1987, accord with Colombo that was aimed at ending a war for a separate Tamil nation by granting the predominantly Hindu

## The good old UAE

DUBAI, July 26. (AP): Life expectancy among the mainly expatriate population of the United Arab Emirates has now reached 73 years for females and 70 years for males, the UAE Health Ministry said today.

Almost 70 per cent of the 1.587,100 population of the southern Gulf state were expatriates from 42 countries, with the ratio of two men for each woman according to the ministry's 1988 statistics.

The 1988 population increase stood at 3.2 per cent and infant mortality at 10.8 per thousand.

The statistics showed that men 20-40 years old form 48 per cent of the population while the population of children under 15 years stood at 33.6 per cent.

The impact of economic development, induced by the riches drawn with the oil discovery in the early 60s, has affected the demographic structure as well as the social and health status.

The report indirectly admitted to the disorder in the UAE's population pyramid, saying: "with the increasing birth rate and the limitation of expatriates entering the country, it is expected that the population structure will stabilise and the population pyramid will take a more normal shape in the next few years."

The report referred to health problems induced by the new affluent social conditions, such as cardiovascular diseases, nutritional diseases and malignancies.

The Herald reported that law enforcement and intelligence sources said a trial in Cuba six weeks ago, at which a Cuban general and 13 Army and intelligence officers were convicted of drug smuggling, was designed to shift blame for drug trafficking away from Castro and his brother.

A special senate subcommittee was to begin hearings today to investigate Cas-

## Report ties Castros to drug trade; 'Ochoa executed in coverup'

BOSTON, July 26. (UPI): Cuban President Fidel Castro is closely tied to drug traffickers operating in the Western hemisphere and is embracing anti-drug efforts to throw law enforcement officials off the track, according to a report published today by the Boston Herald.

Sources quoted by the Herald said Castro and his brother, Defence Minister Raul Castro, permitted high-ranking Cuban officials to co-operate with operatives from the Colombian drug cartel, to

expand the narcotics network to the United States and throughout Latin America.

The Herald reported that law enforcement and intelligence sources said a trial in Cuba six weeks ago, at which a Cuban general and 13 Army and intelligence officers were convicted of drug smuggling, was designed to shift blame for drug trafficking away from Castro and his brother.

The Herald reported that Washington has suspected Castro links to drug traffick-

ing ever since four Cuban officials were indicted by a Miami grand jury for allegedly co-operating with Colombian drug runners.

Yesterday Melvin Levitsky, assistant Secretary of State for international narcotics matters, in testimony before the House Foreign Affairs Task Force on drugs, said the Cuban trial of a series of officers and officials "was a carefully choreographed show trial from beginning to end."



### Thai villages shelled

Cambodian government artillery hit at least four Thai villages today in an intensified campaign against Cambodian guerrillas along the Thai-Cambodian frontier, Thai military officers said.

Buddhist monks ran into bunkers around a monastery in Ban Non Sao Aee, more than one kilometre (0.6 mile) inside Thailand, as shells fell on the area. The local school was closed.

One woman sitting on a motorcycle was slightly wounded.

## US court pulls Khashoggi bail \$10m nothing to him

NEW YORK, July 26. (UPI): A federal appeals court today blocked the release of Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi from prison on \$10 million bail.

The multimillionaire, awaiting trial on fraud charges for his business dealings on behalf of exiled former Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, had been scheduled to be released from the metropolitan correctional centre.

Assistant US attorney Charles Bellaire appealed his release to the 2nd US Circuit Court of Appeals and within three hours appeals judge Lawrence Pierce issued the temporary stay to district judge John Keenan's order yesterday that cleared the way for his release.

"The district court shall be stayed pending this court's review and disposition of the government motion," Pierce said in his release.

The US government appealed against yesterday's decision, saying Khashoggi was so rich that his bail money would mean nothing to him if he decided to flee the country. Khashoggi's current net worth is \$53.8 million, according to the papers

filed with the US court.

His lawyer, Robert Morville, said yesterday evening he has raised enough money to meet the bail, but the paperwork prevented Khashoggi's immediate release.

Today, prosecutors filed a notice with the court of appeals that they planned to appeal the bail package and file a motion to stay Keenan's order.

The following conditions to Khashoggi's release were imposed by the judge:

■ \$10 million bond, one half secured by cash or bank books and the other half by property or a surety bond. The bond is to have two "financially secure" co-signers, one of them his brother, Essam Khashoggi.

■ Khashoggi will be monitored by federal marshals through an unremovable electronic bracelet attached to his wrist or ankle.

■ He is to report twice a week in person and daily by phone to pretrial services.

■ Khashoggi must surrender his passport and stay within Manhattan and its northern suburbs pending the outcome of the case.

Any violation will result in the immediate issuance of a warrant for his arrest, Keenan said.

## Chaos in jobs barters

LONDON, July 26. (Reuter): Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tried today to limit the political fallout from a cabinet reshuffle the opposition has described as a shambles.

British newspapers said in virtually identical reports that Thatcher offered Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe a new post as Home Secretary unknown to the man still in the job, Douglas Hurd — who eventually kept it.

After several hours discussion with family and friends, Howe turned down the Home Office and reluctantly opted for Thatcher's other offer — leadership of the House of Commons. This makes him effectively the ruling Conservative party's parliamentary manager.

But he is not being given the courtesy title of deputy Prime Minister and the chairmanship of several key committees.

Officials, normally quick to knock down inaccurate or unfavourable leaks, refused to confirm or deny the newspaper reports.

But political analysts said the reshuffle may have strained ties between Thatcher and all of her top three officials: Howe, Hurd and Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson.

Labour Party leader Neil Kinnock described the reshuffle, Britain's biggest cabinet shake-up since 1982, as a shambles, and opposition members said Hurd's position had been undermined.

There had been differences between Thatcher and Howe over some issues like full membership of the European Monetary System (EMS), which the Prime Minister has always said Britain is not ready to join.

# Drugs suspected in deaths

3,000 may have died prematurely

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): Up to 3,000 patients may have died prematurely before a nation-wide trial discovered that two drugs designed to prevent irregular heart beats could actually cause heart attacks among specific types of patients, according to a survey of cardiac specialists.

Dr. Joel Morganroth, director of cardiac research at the University of Pennsylvania's Hospital in Philadelphia, said yesterday in an interview that he arrived at the estimated mortality toll after surveying 1,000 cardiologists to find how many had prescribed two heart medicines, encainide and flecainide, while trials of the drugs were under way.

"Let's call that the worst scenario," Morganroth said of the estimate of 3,000

premature deaths.

Encainide and flecainide were approved in 1987 for preventing a type of cardiac arrhythmia that features extra ventricular beats. A national study of the drugs, called the Cardiac Arrhythmia Suppression Trial, or CAST, was started in June 1987. It was halted abruptly last April when data showed sudden death rates increasing among patients taking the drugs.

Since then, Morganroth said he conducted a random survey to determine how many patients may have died prematurely from the use of the drugs.

He said 250 cardiologists responded to his survey and that half said they had prescribed

the drugs. Based on these results, Morganroth said he extrapolated the number of premature deaths by factoring in national heart attack death rate statistics and the prescription record for the two drugs.

"Fifteen hundred to 2,000 died, if all the assumptions are appropriate," in the last 12 months of the trials, he said. For the previous year, when the drugs were not as widely used, he estimates the premature deaths at 750 to 1,000.

Physicians' Weekly, which reported on the survey, called the drug trials a "sudden-death debacle." The magazine said that "before a trial found that two drugs to block sudden death actually triggered it, thousands may have died prematurely."

## Rules on foetal tissue use OK'd

LONDON, July 26, (AP): Health Secretary David Mellor said yesterday he had approved a code of practice for use of foetal tissue in brain cell transplants and research after controversy about the ethics of such work.

The guidelines, drafted by doctors, lawyers and moral philosophers, ban inducements to pregnant women to have an abortion or to schedule an abortion for the convenience of tissue transplant teams.

The code laid down that only isolated brain cells or fragments of tissue must be used in transplants to ensure there is no transfer of personality characteristics between donor and recipient.

Mellor told the House of Commons that the government would shortly begin discussions with medical organisations on setting up a body to control the movement of foetal tissue.

The suggestion was made in a report setting out the guidelines by a committee headed by the Rev. Dr John Polkinghorne, dean of Trinity Hall at Cambridge University. The committee was appointed in June 1988, after doctors in the English city of Birmingham announced Britain's first brain-cell transplants using foetal tissue.

There was intense debate about the ethics of the technique, despite assurances by the head of the transplant team, Professor Edward Hitchcock, that the operations had helped patients suffering from Parkinson's Disease, a progressive brain disorder.

The Polkinghorne report was welcomed by members of Hitchcock's team, which reportedly has performed at least 17 brain-cell transplants.

The report was also welcomed by Dr Vivienne Nathanson, secretary of the Ethics Committee of the British Medical Association representing most of the country's 97,000 doctors.

"We believe it is important that new techniques are properly controlled, publicly debated and regularly reviewed," she said.

The Polkinghorne report said foetal tissue may be used in research and treatment so long as a woman's decision to have an abortion is clearly separated from any decision to use the tissue.

To ensure that happens, the report urged the Health Department to set up an organisation to control the movement of foetal tissue and eliminate contact between abortion clinics and institutions where the tissue is used.

"There should be no monetary exchange for foetuses or foetal tissue. Profit from any dealing in foetal tissue is unethical," the report said.

It proposed that all new research or therapy involving the foetus or foetal tissue be approved by an ethics committee.



Through the grapevine

A clay figure of pop star Michael Jackson appears in the latest California Raisins promotion. The new commercial will be introduced at movie theatres in the US. (Reuter wirephoto)

## This is mind-boggling All genes not created equal

BAR HARBOR, Maine, July 26, (AP): Many puzzling cancers and inherited diseases might be explained by a radical new finding that not all genes are created equal: genes passed on by fathers may be different from those passed on by mothers.

Researchers are beginning to accept evidence that began to appear in the early 1980s suggesting that mothers and fathers each "imprint" genes with different signals before passing them on to their children.

The findings contradict one of the principles of genetics established in the last century by Gregor Mendel — that it made no difference to a child whether it inherited a genetic trait from its mother or its father.

That now seems wrong. Genetic imprinting by mothers and fathers may be responsible for many kinds of cancer and inherited diseases, said Dr Judith Hall of the University of British Columbia in Canada.

"This is just absolutely mind-boggling," Hall said during a meeting of geneticists at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. "It's a new way of thinking. Nobody believed this stuff until just about now."

She said that only about one-third of inherited diseases are explained by conventional Mendelian genetics.

"The problem has been how to explain the other things," she said.

### The answer

#### Imprinting may be the answer

For example, children have 23 pairs of chromosomes and they normally get one set from each parent. But children who mistakenly get two copies of chromosome 7 from their mother and no copy from their father can have severe growth retardation before and after birth.

Conventional genetics says that shouldn't happen — all you need is two good copies of the chromosome, and it shouldn't matter which parent they came from.

In another example, Hall listed, children who get a defective copy of chromosome 15 from their fathers and a normal one from their mothers can inherit a disease called Prader-Willi Syndrome, marked by muscle disorders and extreme obesity.

Children, who get a defective copy of chromosome 15 from their mothers and a normal one from their fathers, get an entirely different disease. It is called Angelman Syndrome and is marked by bizarre, inappropriate laughter and jerky movements.

Hall's hypothesis is that the defective chromosome 15 from the father had a different genetic imprint than the defective chromosome 15 from the mother.

John Shire, a geneticist at the University of Essex in England, said experiments with mice also have shown evidence of imprinting.

Genetic engineering can be used, for example, to create a fertilised mouse egg that has two sets of normal maternal chromosomes and no paternal chromosomes.

The egg has the appropriate number of chromosomes, but its development is severely arrested. The egg develops into a foetus when implanted into a mouse, but it does not produce a healthy placenta, and the embryo dies.

When researchers make a mouse egg with two sets of normal paternal chromosomes, the placenta develops nicely but the foetus doesn't, and again it dies.

"It takes a set from mom and a set from dad in animals to be viable," said Hall.

This seems to be true only in mammals, not in birds or other animals, she said.

Cancer research has shown that in some cases losing a chromosome from a mother is more likely to cause cancer than losing a chromosome from a father.

In most spontaneously arising cases of a kidney cancer called Wilms Tumour and a bone cancer called Osteosarcoma, a mother's chromosome has been lost, not a father's.

Researchers do not know why imprinting occurs. One guess is that it has something to do with allowing a foetus to grow inside a mother — a phenomenon peculiar to mammals — without being rejected or taken over the mother's body, Hall said.

### Sex survey funds rejected

## Committee just says no

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): The House Appropriations Committee has refused to finance a planned survey of the intimate details of the sex lives of Americans aimed at helping scientists better understand how AIDS spreads.

Yesterday, the panel slashed \$11 million from President George Bush's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct 1, money that would have paid for the survey.

The project "does not appear to be an appropriate use of public funding," the committee said.

In a report accompanying the \$155.2 billion appropriations bill for the health and human services, labour and education departments and for other agencies, the committee said: "If such a survey is necessary, it should be supported with non-governmental funds."

The bill is headed for the House of Representatives floor and then to the Senate.

The pilot survey that had been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget proposed to ask participants when they last had sex, what they did and whether their partner was a man or woman.

**Ex-smokers cautioned to cut caffeine**  
WASHINGTON, July 26, (KUNA): Concentrations of caffeine in the blood rise sharply in people who quit smoking but continue to drink the same amount of coffee, researchers have found.

The study prompted scientists to caution that former smokers should cut caffeine intake immediately after quitting to avoid exacerbating the symptoms associated with withdrawal from tobacco.

The study, led by Dr Neal Benowitz, chief of clinical pharmacology at San Francisco General Hospital and reported in the New York Times yesterday, said that while smokers tend to drink

## Swedes trying to control drinking

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 26, (AP): The crowds begin to gather at noon on Friday. By 3 pm customers are spilling into the street.

By closing time, at 6 pm, the waiting lines run into the hundreds as people try to buy their weekend supplies of wine, beer or hard liquor at the state-run store.

It's not a matter of shortage, but of government attempts to make drinking difficult — and to make a lot of money in the process.

"Swedes have a hedonistic way of drinking," it's part of the northern culture, said Hans Klett, a law professor at Lund University.

We drink in the Scandinavian way — not too often, but a lot. We drink more to get intoxicated than in other countries, said Bjorn Hibell, director of the Swedish Council for Information on Alcohol and other Drugs, a semi-independent group.

Through governments' efforts to control it, at the same time they profit from it through taxes that boost the price to the customer to 10 times the cost.

In Sweden, Finland and Norway alcohol is sold legally only in state stores at government-set prices. Only the Soviet Union has a similar system in Europe.

Prices are meant to be prohibitive.

Finland raised liquor prices twice last year to discourage heavy drinkers, pushing up the cost of a bottle of scotch to the equivalent of \$36.40. Sales dipped briefly, but quickly returned to normal.

Sweden's parliament is considering legislation to reduce the level of alcohol tolerated for drivers to virtually zero. The legal limit in Scandinavia already is lower than in most of Europe, at 0.05 percent alcohol in the blood.

Courts in the three countries fine drivers for drunken driving to an offender's income. A Norwegian lawyer was assessed a record fine this year after failing a breathaliser test in a spot road check: \$16,000.

Compared with other countries, alcohol consumption per person is relatively low — Finland rates 26th in the world. Sweden is 31st and Norway is 33rd.

But Scandinavians rarely have a casual glass of wine with dinner, a cold beer to quench a hot thirst, or a pre-dinner aperitif.

"A small percentage of the people, maybe 10 per cent, drink about half the alcohol sold," said Hibell.

Drinking is ingrained in national customs, from the protocol of a formal evening party to the celebrations of Crayfish Day, which falls on Aug 10.

On that day, Swedes wear party hats, the red napkins below their chins, sing boisterous drinking songs and plonk a bowl of the small lobster-like shellfish. Custom dictates that each claw is washed down with a glass of Schnapps. About 20 crayfish make a meal.

The culture of alcohol may have its origins in the chilly climate and the long dreary winters. The Vikings were said to have an affinity for mead and other strong drink. Some social observers say the normally shy Scandinavians need alcohol to open up.

As early as the 18th century Sweden's King Gustav III saw liquor as a main source of income, and urged drinking as an act of patriotism. In the 19th century, Swedish companies often paid their workers in booze.

The cheaper scotch is sold in Sweden at \$24 for a fifth (75 cl), and for \$32 in Norway. In Finland, a bottle of good 12-year-old scotch is now up to \$60.

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# Pretty as a picture at 62

'La Lollo' now behind the camera

ROME, July 26. (Reuters): Gina Lollobrigida pointed to the photographs that cover the walls of a stairway in her house and a flash of pride lit up her famous soft brown eyes.

The shots are not, as one might expect, mementos of "La Lollo" herself in "Trapeze" or "Woman of Straw", films that made the sultry Italian cinema star an international byword for beauty and glamour in the 1950s and 60s.

There is one of a black South African gold miner, another of a New York tramp and many, many more that are all Lollobrigida's own work.

"Photography is my life. For me it is the luxury in life. The rest, the movies, is work. I work for the photography," Lollobrigida, 62, said in an interview.

"In a movie you have to serve the public but when you become mature and you can say 'to hell with the rest of the world I want to do what I feel' that is the best in life," she said of her approach to photography.

Lollobrigida has had a rich and sometimes tempestuous career of some 60 cinema roles in Europe and the United States in four decades of acting, but photography has played a growing role in her life since the early 1970s.

It has changed from hobby to profession and she has a fully-equipped darkroom and studio in the cellar of her home in Rome.

Her first major project, a book called "Italia Mia", was published in 1971 as a personalised view of Lollobrigida's Italy though predominantly black-and-white photographs.

Instantly recognisable, she had to take to the streets in disguise for many of Italia Mia's studies, but her lasting recollection is of the book's effect on her.

"I accepted without thinking that it would be a very important step in my life. But when I started the book and I realised how serious photography was, then it was really like when you are having the first love affair," she said.

"Since then I haven't stopped."

Commissions followed for advertising work and another



Lollobrigida is seen at her home in Rome recently. (Reuter wirephoto)

book, a colour study of life in the Philippines.

children and animals painstakingly superimposed by Lollobrigida to create a leopard checkily poke out their tongues from behind a tree. A girl twirling a pink umbrella hops on a flamingo in one mon-

age, children ride on a giraffe's neck in another and a boy and a

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Her latest project, a book she hopes to call Innocence, will be the result of 10 years of colour shots from around the world of

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## PEOPLE AND PLACES

LOS ANGELES: J.R. Ewing will have a new "bad girl" to contend with this season: Blond actress Kimberly Foster, who will play a vixen on *Dallas*.

Foster said she screamed in delight when told she had the part on the CBS television show.

"It's been going into a show that's been going for 12 years. It's kind of like we've been invited to a really big party where you don't know any of the guests," said Foster, who will be relatively new to prime-time audiences.

In an unusual step, her name will appear in the main title.

"You always need someone to stir up the pot," said executive producer Leonard Katzman. "And everybody loves a bad girl."

Other newcomers to the long-running series: Sasha Mitchell as a well-built man who may be J.R.'s son; and Elizabeth Taylor's son Michael Wilding as a powerful art gallery owner. (AP)

STOCKHOLM, Sweden: Former tennis star Bjorn Borg is finding his touch may not be as deft from the boardroom as from the baseline.

Borg said he refused an offer of \$4.6 million in capital to rescue his struggling fashion business, which was built on an estimated \$75 million in earnings from his 10-year tennis career.

Borg, 33, said he turned down the money to help Bjorn Borg Design Group because it meant surrendering financial control of his companies.

Borg said he was negotiating other financing to keep his business afloat.

His business produces a line of designer fashions, fragrances, shoes and accessories, and has real estate interests in Sweden.

Lars Stark, who has a 25 per cent stake in Borg's companies, said the group is in dire need of cash to meet orders. (AP)

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK, California: A "tired and sore" paraplegic ranger determined to conquer Yosemite's famed 3,000-foot (914 m) El Capitan granite monolith expected to reach the top today.

Mark Wellman, 29, who has been confined to a wheelchair since being paralysed from the waist down in a 50-foot (15-m) fall in the John Muir Wilderness outside the park in 1982, would be the first paraplegic to scale the face of El Capitan.

He is a naturalist lecturer at the park and director of Yosemite's access programme for the handicapped.

Wellman and fellow climber Mike Corbett had hoped to reach the top by Tuesday when they began their difficult trek up the western face of the giant slab of granite 19.

(UPI)

MENTOR, Ohio: A training camp ball boy for the Cleveland Browns won a trip to London with a stunt the British would hardly understand, though it seemed perfectly "cricket" to him.

Kevin Gerrach ate a breakfast of 107.9 live crickets to win a contest sponsored by radio station WPHF, FM-107.9, to see who could perform the most outlandish feat to qualify for the London trip.

Gerrach won crickets down, and will travel to England to see the Browns play the Philadelphia Eagles in an exhibition game Aug 6 at Wembley stadium. (UPI)

AVON, Massachusetts: In a unique twist on liquor licensing, a popular bar was told to scrub plans for a boozefree night until the tavern's owners meet with town officials.

"I almost fell over backwards. I couldn't believe they'd want you serving liquor seven days a week," said Chris Martin, manager of Shooters on Route 28, which had planned to serve only juice and soft drinks on Monday night.

Instead, a hand-delivered letter from the police chief told Martin to delay plans to turn off the beer taps for a night until after he met with town selectmen. (UPI)

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina: James and David Taggart, former aides to disgraced television Evangelist Jim Bakker, were found guilty yesterday of charges that they evaded more than \$525,000 in income taxes.

U.S. district court Judge Robert Potters set Aug 25 as a tentative sentencing date. Each brother could be sentenced to 25 years in prison and they could be fined more than \$1 million. They will remain free on bond.

In closing arguments Monday, the brothers' lawyer had argued that they had received more than 1 million dollars from Bakker's PTL Ministry with the approval of Bakker, who eventually resigned amid a sex and money scandal (AP).

ATLANTA: An album that former Beatle Ringo Starr says he's unhappy with won't come out this week after all. A superior court judge has halted its release while lawyers for the rock star and a Memphis producer try to settle the issue.

Judge Ralph Hicks continued a temporary order blocking the release for 30 days during a hearing on Tuesday in Superior Court in Fulton County. Starr had obtained the order on Monday, after he said he didn't like his drum performances and wanted to redub them before the album's release.

Starr also balked at paying \$146,239 to prevent CRS Records of College Park, Tennessee, and Memphis producer Chico Moman from releasing the recordings, which Starr made in February and April 1987. Moman had rejected \$100,000 Starr offered in an effort to resolve the matter.

Lawyers for both sides negotiated that point for about two hours but failed to agree on a payment. Hicks instructed Starr's attorneys to deposit the money in escrow with the court until a settlement is reached.

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana: Paula Gwynn, a 6-foot-2 (1.88-metre) television producer and professional model from Washington, D.C., is the new Miss Black America.

Miss Gwynn, 23, was selected from among 46 contestants representing 37 states in the 21st annual pageant.

Elaine Joyner, 28, Columbia, North Carolina, was second; Raquel Estman, 19, Mansfield, Ohio, was third, and Tiffany Williams, 20, Abbeville, Louisiana, was fourth.

The pageant, held in conjunction with the annual Indiana Black Expo, involved judging in swimsuit, public speaking and talent competitions. (AP)

NICE, France: An amorous donkey castigated by a French film star Brigitte Bardot because it was bothuring her animals has been returned home, its owner said yesterday.

Charly, taken in by Bardot while owner Jean-Pierre Manivet was away from home, would be examined by a veterinary surgeon to see if damages could be claimed, Manivet's lawyer told Reuters.

Manivet, who lives next door to Bardot near the southern French resort of Saint-Tropez, has accused France's best-known animal rights campaigner of castrating the donkey without asking his permission. (Reuters)

NORTH BELLMORE, New York: A naked intruder found napping on a couch by a startled homeowner was arrested by police, who said he allegedly broke into the woman's house searching for food and became drowsy.

Todd Colombo, 21, apparently was feeling hungry, hot and weary as he walked down Norwood Avenue in 90-degree (32C) weather Monday in the Long Island town of North Bellmore. The man decided to eat, cool off and nap in the home of Laura Hopkins, Nassau county police said.

He allegedly forced his way through the front screen door and headed for the refrigerator, police said. (UPI)

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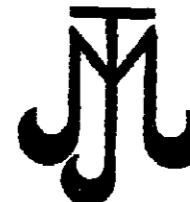
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## INTERNATIONAL

## House plans budget-slashing attack on Stealth

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): The Democratic-controlled House is launching a budget-slashing attack against the Stealth bomber, saying the radar-evading aircraft is too expensive.

Deputys by the House in the Stealth programme would set up an eventual conflict with the Senate, which voted 98-1 yesterday to back the \$500-million B-2 bomber if it meets flight test and radar-evasion standards.

The Senate amendment trimmed President George Bush's \$2.1 billion Stealth request by a relatively modest \$300 million, a reduction already endorsed by the Senate

## Armed Services Committee.

Meanwhile, the House, controlled by the opposition Democratic Party, was clearly in a budget-cutting mood yesterday. It voted to reduce by nearly \$2 billion Bush's \$4.9 billion request for the Strategic Defence Initiative, a space-based missile defence system nicknamed "Star Wars."

The House scheduled votes on three alternatives for the future of the Stealth programme. The first would accept an \$800 million cut made by the House Armed Services Committee.



Capt. Al C. Haynes, 57, a United Airlines pilot, speaks with the press Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

A second would scrap the programme after this year, allowing only the 13 bombers already in production to be completed. That would represent a \$40 billion cut in anticipated total spending.

A third amendment, which House Speaker Thomas Foley said would likely prevail, calls on the administration to propose a cheaper programme than the Bush administration's \$70 billion plan to build 132 Stealth bombers. It would limit the number of planes built to two bombers in 1990 and 1991 instead of the eight sought by the administration.

The House also was to consider amendments to eliminate the MX mobile missile and the competing single-warhead Midas missile.

Congressman John Rowland, a Republican, said lobbying by the White House, the Air Force and Northrop Corp., manufacturer of the Stealth, has diminished chances that the programme will be scuttled.

"It's tough when the President weighs in," Rowland said.

He said that he is counting on only 130 to 140 votes in the 435-member House for his bill to scrap the Stealth bomber.



Capt. Al C. Haynes, 57, a United Airlines pilot, speaks with the press Tuesday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Student shot:** A University of Washington student and her boyfriend were fatally shot on campus yesterday, and the woman's boyfriend was being held in the case, the police said.

John Lombardini, an investigator in the county medical examiner's office, identified the dead couple as Marjan Mohsenin, 18, and Ibrahim Sharif-Kashani, 27, both of Seattle.

Sharif had just graduated from Seattle Pacific University, held degrees in chemistry and biology and was trying to enter the UW Medical School. Lombardini said.

**Rights curb:** The right of silence has been abused in criminal cases and should be restricted, a government advisory panel said yesterday.

"It is wrong that offenders — usually the more intelligent and serious offenders — should be able to manipulate the criminal justice system to their own advantage, either to escape conviction entirely or to delay and obstruct the judicial process," said the report of the Right of Silence Working Party.

Last year, the Northern Ireland criminal evidence order allowed courts to draw adverse inference if a defendant refused to answer questions. The order was specifically intended to combat terrorism in the province. (AP)

**Bomber crashes:** A World War II B-17 bomber crashed in flames during the making of a film in Britain yesterday but an Air Force spokesman said all 10 people aboard survived.

The US-built flying fortress was taking off from a disused air base in Binbrook, eastern England, when it hit a tree, crashed through a fence and came to rest in a cornfield.

The spokesman said the aircraft broke up but "miraculously, 10 people got out alive." All were taken to hospital but none was seriously injured.

The flying fortress was one of five featured in David Puttnam's picture about the B-17 nicknamed "Memphis Belle," which flew 25 wartime missions. (Reuter)

**Funds approved:** The Senate appropriations committee yesterday approved \$225 million, including the first construction money for the super-conducting supercollider, and sent the measure to the Senate floor.

"I think this now virtually guarantees that we will have funds for starting construction Oct 1," said Senator Phil Gramm, a member of the panel that approved the measure on a voice vote.

"We've cleared the largest hurdle that we'll face in making the SSC a reality," Gramm said. (UPI)

**Short-circuit:** Democratic leaders in the House of Representatives moved yesterday to short-circuit President Bush's proposed constitutional amendment against flag desecration by unexpectedly scheduling a Wednesday committee vote on a competing bill Bush says is inadequate.

With little notice, the Democratic-led judiciary committee set the vote on a bill introduced Monday by Rep. Jack Brooks, the panel's chairman, and Rep. Don Edwards, the head of a subcommittee that has been holding hearings on the issue.

Committee approval is expected and House Speaker Thomas Foley said yesterday the full House might act on the measure as early as next week, before lawmakers begin a summer recess. (UPI)

**Woman detained:** A woman angered over the dismissal of a rape charge shot and critically wounded the man she had accused, police said today.

Elizabeth Gooden, 26, was being held without bail for investigation of the attempted murder. Her brother, Leroy Gooden, 31, was booked on the same charge for allegedly fleeing the scene of the shooting with the gun, police said.

Wilson Picquet, 38, who lived in the same apartment complex as the Goodens, was in critical condition at Cedars-Sinai Medical Centre, said police detective John Bunch.

Ms Gooden told police on Friday that she had been raped by Picquet after a night of drinking in his apartment, Bunch said. Picquet was booked for investigation of rape the same day.

**Thousands evacuated:** Forest fires burning out of control in northern areas have chased more people from their homes in Ontario, while in Manitoba, about 19,000 fire evacuees settled into safer surroundings.

The fires have consumed more than 1.5 million hectares (3.7 million acres) in northern Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Ontario. Smoke drifted as far as Labrador.

Light rain yesterday cooled some fires but lightning started a few more.

Military planes and trains finished moving people out of fire-stricken areas of Manitoba. (AP)

**Exxon to return:** Exxon Corp., in an effort to rebuff criticism, insisted it would return to the site of the nation's worst oil spill but stopped short of making a commitment to further cleanup.

A July 19 internal memo to Exxon oil spill managers, which was quoted in media reports Monday, suggested that the oil company's cleanup crews would leave Alaska for good after shutting down for the winter.

At a hastily called news conference in Valdez, Alaska, Otto Harrison, general manager for Exxon Valdez operations in Alaska, said yesterday that the memo was not intended to "extend to any other phase of our cleanup." The news conference was relayed by satellite to New York. (AP)

**Rail disaster:** More than 600 passengers, including 181 children, died in last month's rail disaster in the Ural Mountains regions when leaking gas from a pipeline set two trains ablaze, the Soviet parliament has been told.

Deputy Prime Minister Vitaly Doguzhiyev told deputies yesterday that 645 of the 1,284 passengers aboard the two trains engulfed in flames near the city of Ufa, had died, about a third in hospital.

A total of 396 had been treated in hospital and released. Thirty-three victims had not been identified.

**2 killed, 2 rescued:** A Navy radar plane crashed on takeoff, killing two of three crewmen, while two other fliers were plucked from the Pacific after their fighter ditched offshore.

The first crash occurred about 5:30 pm (0030 GMT yesterday) Monday at North Island as a twin-engine EA-6B prowler jet used to jam enemy radar was attempting to take off for a training run, military officials said.

"It crashed just as it reached the end of the runway," said Lt. Jack Papp, a Navy spokesman. "There was nothing left. The plane's a complete loss." (AP)



**Icy delight:** Cristina di Fazio (right) and Caterina Sancesi (left) eat ice cream at the 'Ice Festival' contest in Rome Tuesday. The winner of the contest was Paolo Sicuro. He ate six kg (13 pounds) of ice cream in five minutes and ten seconds. (Reuter wirephoto)

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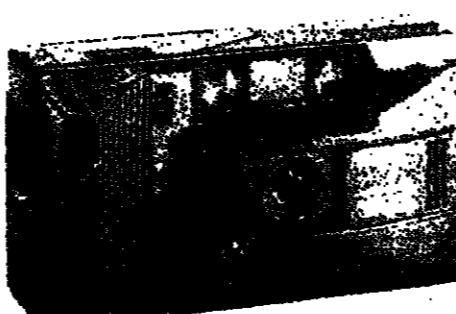
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## Bush diplomatic choices win approval

WASHINGTON, July 26, (AP): Three of President George Bush's ambassadorial nominees, accused by Democrats of having no qualifications except political connections, won narrow approval yesterday from the Senate foreign relations committee.

With Democratic Sen. Charles Robb joining committee Republicans, the panel first voted 10-9 to send to the Senate floor the nomination of Florida real estate developer Joseph Zappala to be ambassador to Spain.

Then, by voice vote, it approved the equally controversial nominations of Florida real estate developer Marvin Sembler to be ambassador to Australia and Della Newmann, a Seattle, Washington, real estate broker, to be

ambassador to New Zealand.

Sen. Paul Sarbanes, who led the fight against the nominees, vowed to continue the battle on the Senate floor.

"One looks through this resume wondering why this person has been appointed to this position," Sarbanes said.

"If we are going to reduce it to that we should put the office up for a public auction and put the money in the Treasury to reduce the deficit," Sarbanes said.

In other action the committee routinely gave its approval to the nomination of former child actress Shirley Temple Black to be ambassador to Czechoslovakia.

## INTERNATIONAL

## Philippine media air political scandals

## Sexcapades thrill the masses, anger the mighty

MANILA, Philippines, July 26. (AP): As Japan reels from a sex scandal that helped topple a prime minister, the "sexcapades" of Philippine lawmakers are providing Filipinos with what has turned into a political soap opera.

On Monday, Japanese Prime Minister Sosuke Uno announced he will resign over his party's loss of 33 parliamentary seats due, in part, to public charges Uno had kept several paid mistresses.

Meanwhile, Philippine newspaper and radio commentators have been titillating their audiences with rumours of affairs by their own senators and members of the house of representatives.

The only casualty so far has been Sen. Orlando Mercado, who resigned this

month as senate majority leader after rumours that he was involved in a sex scandal. Mercado denied the allegations.

Mercado's resignation followed newspaper reports that an undisclosed senator had impregnated the daughter of an upper house colleague.

Last Friday, columnist Julie Yap Daza wrote in the Manila Standard that the latest rumour involved an unnamed woman senator who was having an affair with her chauffeur.

That ranked the two women in the 23-member senate. Sen. Leticia Ramos-Shahani and Sen. Santanina Rasul demanded an investigation by the senate ethics committee to put a stop to the rumours.

According to another rumour, the

chauffeur of a prominent male senator quit his job because of the pressure of trying to keep track of his bosses' multiple mistresses.

In a Roman Catholic country that forbids divorce, keeping mistresses, referred to here as "second wives," is not uncommon. Some prominent figures make little attempt to hide their "second wives."

But some commentators fear the rumours cheapen the institutions of government, which were supposed to have elevated political life after the 1986 ouster of President Ferdinand Marcos.

The obsession with sex scandals also distracts public and legislative attention from pressing national problems such as poverty, the communist insurgency and

the breakdown in law and order.

"The point is that sex gossip about Congress members has become conversation pieces no longer because of their serious moral implications but for their comic relief," wrote Hern Zamarosa in the Philippines.

Senate President Jovito Salonga has resisted an investigation into his colleagues' sex lives.

Salonga quipped that whatever happens in the bedroom "cannot be considered discriminatory except by your mate."

The rumours are fuelled by a Philippine newspaper practice of printing thinly veiled accusations, often with no source at all for the information.

## LDP to face joint opposition on tax

TOKYO, July 26. (Agencies): Four major non-communist opposition parties, encouraged by a dramatic election victory, agreed to combine forces to challenge the ruling Liberal Democratic Party on a bill to abolish a controversial sales tax, the Japan Socialist Party said today.

The Liberal Democrats suffered the worst setback in their 34-year history in the Sunday election for the upper house of the Diet, or parliament, losing its majority in the chamber and forcing Prime Minister Sosuke Uno to announce his resignation to take responsibility for the party's defeat.

The five major opposition parties, several smaller parties and 15 independents now hold the majority in the upper house, but the question remains as to whether they can co-operate on a legislative agenda or will be divided by long-held ideological differences.

"The election results clearly showed that the people were opposed to the sales tax and we have agreed to introduce a bill in the next extraordinary session of the Diet to abolish the tax," a spokesman for the Socialist Party, the largest opposition group.

Joining the JSP will be the Komite (clean government party), the Democratic Socialist Party and the Social Democratic Union.

The spokesman said another opposition party, the newly formed Rengo, which is supported by Japan's largest labour federation, is expected to join in sponsoring the legislation.

The combined strength of the five opposition groups totals 107 against 109 for the ruling Liberal Democratic Party in the upper house of the parliament.

The JSP official said the Communist Party, which holds 14 seats in the upper house, would vote for the bill in view of its campaign pledge to seek abolition of the sales tax.

The parliamentary law calls for an extraordinary Diet session to be held within 30 days after the election.

While the opposition map out their strategy on policies, the LDP, which has held the majority in both houses of the Diet since its founding in 1955, was in a process of selecting a successor of Uno.

The Liberal Democrats are hoping to find a candidate who can win support of the opposition parties to facilitate his election in the Diet.

The three per cent sales tax, the first of its kind in Japan, was the key issue in the upper house election. The tax was forced by the LDP through parliament last December amid a boycott by opposition parties.

"We are optimistic that our bill will be passed by the upper chamber and sent to the lower house," said the JSP spokesman. "In such a case, the LDP will be thrown into a delicate position, and they may be forced to dissolve the lower house and call a general election."

The LDP holds an absolute majority of 293 seats in the 512-seat lower house. It has refused opposition demands to dissolve the chamber and call a general election.

Recent newspaper polls said the LDP would lose its majority in the chamber if a general election is held in the near future.



Pilot Ricardo Misa (right) and Co-Pilot Generoso Bautista of the ill-fated Philippine Airlines jet which overshot the runway, take oaths during the formal investigation Wednesday in Manila. (Reuter wirephoto)

### 'Pilot ignored warnings'

## Probe of Manila crash

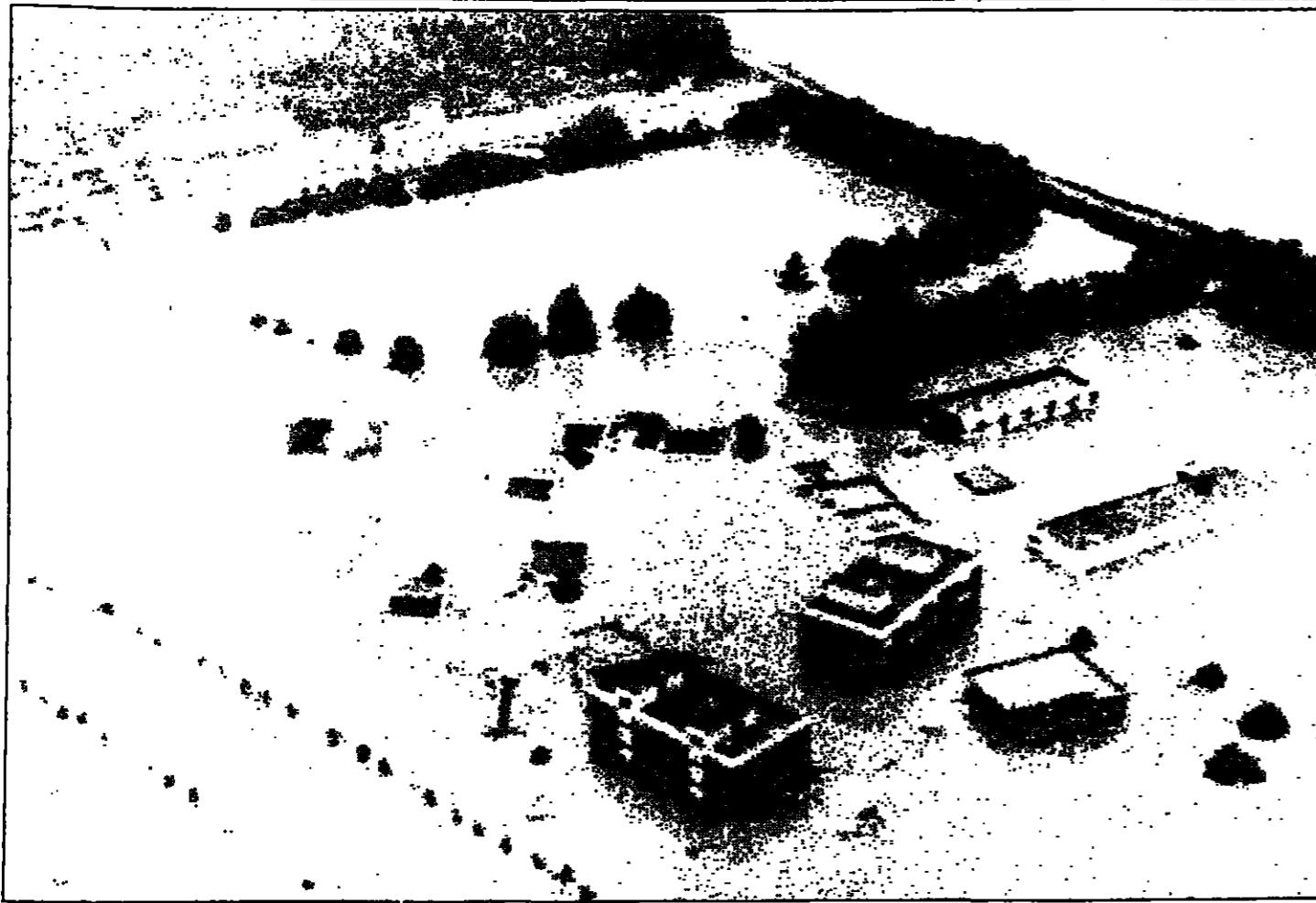
MANILA, July 26. (AP): An airport official insisted today the pilot of a Philippine airlines plane that overshot a runway and plowed across a busy highway, killing eight people, ignored last-minute warnings to abort his landing.

Control tower supervisor Rodolfo Flores renounced the charge in an interview before testifying at a closed-door investigation of last Friday's air crash.

The plane had come from the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga.

Flores, who was on duty at the time, said controllers in the tower spotted the plane after it already had passed at least 3,000 feet (909 metres) of the 11,000-foot (3,333-metre) runway.

It appeared to be flying level to the runway at 150



### 70 dead or missing

Heavy downpours, spawned by a seasonal rain front, hit South Korea's southern coastal areas, leaving more than 70 people dead or missing, the national disaster centre said today.

The centre in Seoul said that the rains, which measured up to 16.5 inches (41 centimetres) in two days, also had left 24,000 people homeless, disrupted air, land and sea traffic and communications and flooded vast farmlands.

Officials predicted the death toll would continue to rise as rain kept falling in the affected areas.

As of noon (0300 GMT) today, the centre said 36 people were confirmed killed and 37 others were missing. Newspapers, using their own networks of information, reported at least 82 people were either killed or missing and more than 51,000 people were left homeless.

Centre officials said some 7,880 homes and buildings were inundated or

destroyed and that property losses, including damaged farm crops, highways and other public facilities, were estimated at \$10 million.

Most of the homeless were taken to schools, churches and other makeshift shelters, and the government rushed in blankets, food and other relief supplies, the officials said.

Hardest hit was South Cholla province where an estimated 13 inches (33 centimetres) of rain fell on Monday and Tuesday, the officials said. Thirty people were killed and 29 others were reported missing in that area.

Most of the victims were killed in landslides or drowned in rain-swollen creeks or rivers, they said.

Picture shows a high school building and nearby residential areas are under water in Cholla province. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Im faces arrest on return

SEOUL, South Korea, July 26. (AP): A South Korean radical student, visiting Communist North Korea without her government's permission, prepared today to return home across the heavily militarised border and face arrest.

Pyongyang Radio broadcasts, monitored in Tokyo, said the student, Im Su-Kyung, arrived in North Korea's border town of Kaesong yesterday.

She has said she plans to return home tomorrow, the 36th anniversary of the 1953 ceasefire that ended the three-year Korean war, in a gesture for Korean reunification.

A group of Roman Catholic priests in Seoul said a South Korean priest had flown to North Korea to escort Miss Im, a Catholic, across the border.

The North Korean broadcasts said the 20-year-old co-ed planned to cross through Panmunjom, a truce village inside the four-kilometre-wide (2.5-mile) demilitarised zone that separates the two Koreas.

Government officials said Miss Im would be arrested as soon as she crossed into South Korea and flown to Seoul, 56 kilometres (35 miles) away, by helicopter.

She faces a prison term of up to seven years under the national security law.

Authorities said about 20,000 police would be deployed in Seoul and along the road leading to Panmunjom to block possible anti-government protests or attempts by radical students and dissidents to march to the border to greet Miss Im.

Radical students vowed to hold major anti-government demonstrations timed with the border crossing. They said 30 student leaders would try to travel to the border to greet Miss Im, who they hailed as "a national unification heroine."

Miss Im, a student at Seoul's Hankook University of Foreign Studies, travelled to North Korea via Tokyo and East Germany, arriving in Pyongyang on June 30 to attend the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students there July 1-8.

### Association marries off women

## Fight against dowries

NEW DELHI, July 26. (UPI): At precisely 4 pm each afternoon the whitewashed halls of Shaheed Bhawan echo with the giggles and shrieks of laughter of more than 200 young women pouring from its classrooms.

Among them are Reshma Pano and her friend Gangi, two teenagers learning secretarial skills and dreaming about husbands.

"I am hoping mine will be quite good-looking," confessed Gangi, a precocious 16-year-old who does not know her last name and was sold into bonded labour by her parents when she was 6.

"I don't care about looks. I want mine to have a good job," chided Pano, who was turned out of her home by impoverished parents.

Most women like Gangi and Reshma Pano would be doomed in India to lonely lives of brutal poverty or prostitution.

But through the efforts of Virsha Mohini Giri, the two may soon be among the tiny minority of Indian women able to marry without dowries and not be bound to a husband for economic support.

As director of the War Widows Association, Giri has singlehandedly married off more than 800 "daughters" in mass ceremonies featuring as many as 20 couples at once, clergy from India's major religions, and most unorthodox of all, no dowries.

Giri originally created the association to honour the deathbed requests of Indian soldiers killed in the 1971 Indo-Pak war.

These men were dying in my arms, and their only wish was someone care for the loved ones they left behind," said Giri, who worked as a volunteer nurse during the war.

Her father-in-law, V.V. Giri, was then India's president and Giri sold him on her idea for an organisation to care for the widows and daughters of dead soldiers. The group seeks to help the women through job training, remarriage, or both.

The government has funded the association ever since, and the group has expanded its services to any women in need of help.

The diminutive silver-haired grandmother now oversees a training school, a hostel for 25 homeless women, and a marriage service that matches her wards with men willing to dispense with a dowry.

Each woman referred by social workers is provided Rs250 (about \$16) by the government for training as a beautician, nursery school teacher, seamstress, secretary or computer operator. Additional funds come from handicraft sales and private donations.

These are radical ideas in a culture in which many parents pay huge sums to arrange the marriages of daughters and widows are traditionally shunned and forbidden to remarry.

Authorities said about 20,000 police would be deployed in Seoul and along the road leading to Panmunjom to block possible anti-government protests or attempts by radical students and dissidents to march to the border to greet Miss Im.

Radical students vowed to hold major anti-government demonstrations timed with the border crossing. They said 30 student leaders would try to travel to the border to greet Miss Im, who they hailed as "a national unification heroine."

Miss Im, a student at Seoul's Hankook University of Foreign Studies, travelled to North Korea via Tokyo and East Germany, arriving in Pyongyang on June 30 to attend the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students there July 1-8.

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for second-language learning.

His report estimated that the cost to Australia of poor English language skills is \$2.4 billion a year, due to extra communication time needed in the workplace.

In 1986, about 370,000 Australians could not speak English well or at all, according to census figures.

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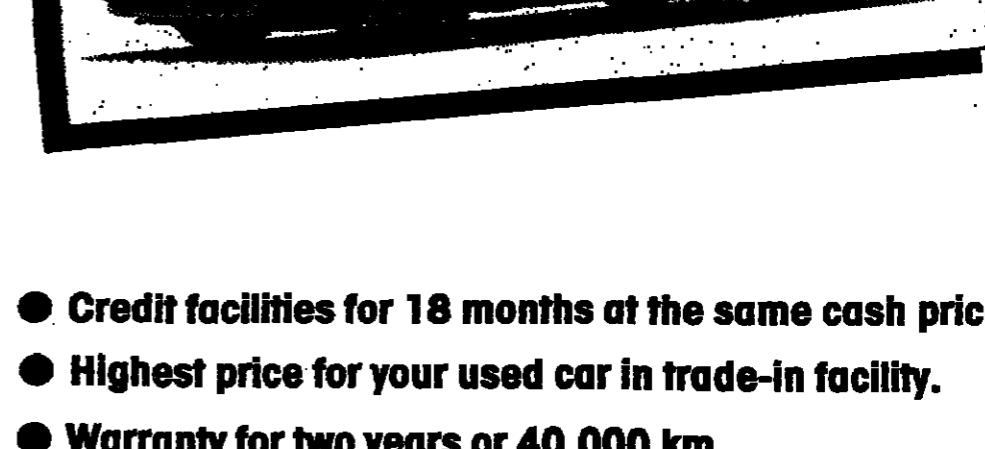
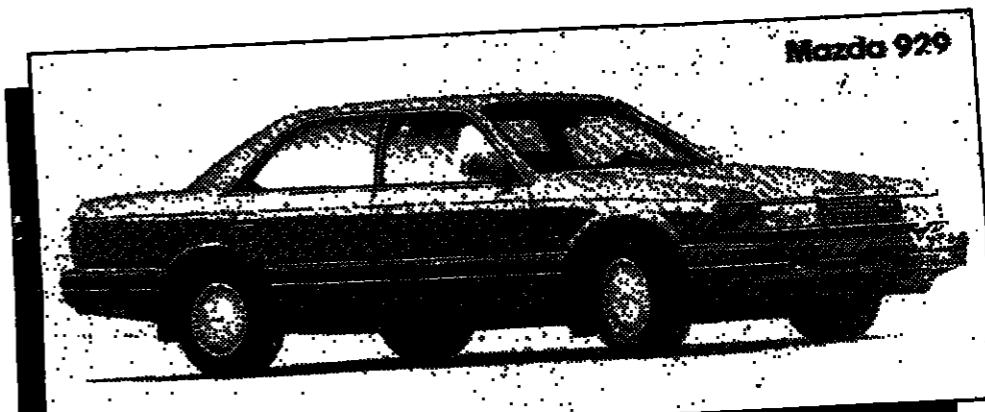
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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Forest fire

ATHENS, Greece, July 26, (AP): Firefighters battled today to control a blaze that destroyed about 1,300 acres (526 hectares) of pine forests in the mountains bordering the capital, government officials said.

The fire began yesterday in the Mount Parnis nature reserve.

"The blaze is confined to a ravine in the region of Kleistos Monastery, which it passed without causing damage, and land forces are preparing to confront it," said Anastasis Lazaros of the government firefighting joint ministerial body.

## Firefighters battle

AVEIRO, Portugal, July 26, (AP): Firefighters on the ground and in the air battled large-scale forest fires that blazed in northern Portugal today.

Several firemen were overcome by heat and fumes as 15 firefighting teams fought a blaze that swept across the Serra Do Arestal, near Aveiro, 250 kilometres (150 miles) north of Lisbon, the Portuguese news agency LUSA reported.

LUSA said the blaze started yesterday and was still raging out of control today. An airborne firefighting division was called in from nearby Viseu to prevent the fire from spreading to nearby villages.

## Food poisoning

LONDON, July 26, (KUNA): A new outbreak of the food poisoning bacterial salmonella has killed two people in north west England, health officials disclosed today.

A further 75 people are suspected to be infected by the outbreak, many of whom are being treated in hospital.

The source of the outbreak has been traced to three food shops and butchers in the Cheshire, Liverpool and north Wales areas. Health officials have warned people not to eat certain types of cooked meats.

## Bishops appointed

VATICAN CITY, July 26, (AP): Pope John Paul II today appointed four bishops in Czechoslovakia, marking another breakthrough in Vatican relations with the Soviet bloc.

The appointments were made after years of negotiations with Czechoslovakia's Communist government, which maintains rigid control on organised religion.

Last week, the Pope's special envoy for Eastern Europe, Archbishop Francesco Colasurdo, took part in the latest in a series of talks in Czechoslovakia.

## Duarte accuses

WASHINGTON, July 26, (UPI): Former Salvadoran President Jose Duarte, struck with terminal cancer, accused a leader of the ruling Arena Party, Roberto D'Albuquerque, of ordering the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero almost a decade ago.

Duarte also said a rupture has developed between his successor, New President Alfredo Cristiani, and D'Albuquerque, both are members of the Nationalist Republic alliance, known as Arena.

## Thais arrested

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 26, (AP): Two Thai fishermen have confessed to the rape and robbery of a group of Vietnamese boat people in the Gulf of Thailand last month, police said today.

The boat's attackers released three women, but the other 32 Vietnamese who were on the boat still were missing, said Lt Col Prakob Benjapong of the Thai maritime police.

## AIDS suit

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Seven AIDS victims filed suit against the Japanese government and five drug firms today, claiming tainted blood products gave them the deadly disease, a court official said.

The suits seek a total of \$30 million (\$6.02 million US) in compensation, the official said.

It was the second time that such lawsuits had been filed in Japan by AIDS victims, said the official of the Osaka district court, where both suits were filed.

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## Bones found

TOKYO, July 26, (AP): Police have found human bones near a large "SOS" spelled out with white birch rods on a northern Japan mountain slope, officials said today.

Two people have been reported missing since 1984 in climbs on the 2,390-metre (7,514-foot) Mount Asahidake, said Sgt. Koichi Kasaoka, a spokesman for police on Japan's northernmost island of Hokkaido.

He said he wouldn't dismiss the possibility that a climber in distress set out the "SOS" but died before any help arrived.

## Bus crash

BEIJING, July 26, (Reuter): A crowded bus plunged into a cement guardrail in south China last week, killing 13 people and injuring 68, the People's Daily said today.

It said the bus was speeding when it crashed and overturned in Taizhou County in Hunan province on Saturday.

## Espionage increases in West Germany

BONN, West Germany, July 26, (AP): Counter-intelligence sources say Soviet-bloc espionage is on the increase in West Germany, despite a warming in East-West relations and closer ties between the Kremlin and this front-line NATO nation.

"There was a sharp jump in the espionage activities of the Warsaw Pact nations in 1983, and we have every reason to suspect that it will increase," said Hans Gert Lange, a spokesman for the Cologne-based Constitutional Protection Office, West Germany's counter-intelligence agency.

West Germany, and especially West Berlin, have been espionage hotbeds since the advent of the cold war.

For more than four decades, the divided city has been the scene of legendary intrigue and furtive spy swaps at the

Berlin Wall, the demarcation line between East and West. Bonn is also a centre of espionage operations, and the sleepy capital on the Rhine River frequently is rocked by spy scandals.

A former government secretary was convicted in May on charges of delivering sensitive information to East German intelligence and the Soviet KGB.

The Constitutional Protection Office has suffered its own scandals. Hans-Joachim Tiedje, one of the agency's top officials, defected to East Germany in 1985. Tiedje was a counter-intelligence agent in charge of tracking down East German spies.

In 1974, former chancellor Willy Brandt was forced to resign after a top aide, Guenter Guillaume, was exposed as

an East-bloc agent.

West German officials are investigating whether senior US diplomat Felix S. Bloch was involved in espionage when he held posts in West Germany in the 1960s and East and West Berlin in the 1970s.

He was reportedly filming by US officials earlier this year passing a briefcase to a Soviet KGB agent in a European capital. However, Bloch has not been charged with any crime.

Security officials in Bonn, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the threat of espionage has increased since the Soviet Union and other East-bloc countries have allowed tens of thousands of people to emigrate to the

West.

Lange said high-tech industry is also "increasingly a target of East-bloc espionage activities" in an effort to bridge the technology gap and to get around bans on sale of sophisticated equipment to the Soviet bloc.

The Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact allies need an infusion of technology to help turn around their failing economies.

Lange and other security officials say evidence is mounting that East-bloc agents are increasingly being channeled into West Germany among emigres from the East.

"There is a definite trend here, although the vast majority of them are not involved," Lange said.

## Bloch involved with a call-girl

VIENNA, Austria, July 26, (Agencies): Austrian officials plan to release a report soon on the espionage investigation of a senior US diplomat who reportedly had access to top secret information while working in Vienna.

Chancellor Franz Vranitzky said yesterday that US Ambassador Henry Grunwald told him early in July about the investigation into alleged spying by Felix Bloch, formerly the No. 2 official in the US embassy in Vienna.

The 54-year-old Bloch was placed on leave with pay on June 22. He has surrendered his diplomatic passport and his US State Department credentials, but has not been charged with any crime nor has his travel been restricted.

In another development yesterday, a senior government official said Austrian officials want to question a Vienna woman who had a relationship with Bloch.

## Refused

The Austrian official, who refused to be identified by name, confirmed a newspaper report quoting Interior Ministry officials as saying that Bloch, who is suspected of spying for the Soviets, was involved with a call-girl.

"There is a woman with whom Mr Bloch has maintained a long-term relationship in Austria," said the official.

The official told the Associated Press that the woman was on vacation and believed to be out of the country.

"We have no reason to look for her abroad, but when she comes back from her vacation we are going to talk to her to find out whether she had any suspicions of spying in any direction," he said.

"She is a source of information for us, but there is nothing pending against her," he said, adding that the woman, who was in her 30s, was an Austrian citizen and a Vienna resident.

He emphasized this was just one of the lines being pursued by the Austrian and American officials investigating the espionage allegations.

ABC News reported from Washington last weekend that during initial questioning by US authorities, Bloch claimed at one point that he spied because he fell into a Soviet sex trap. But the network said investigators have discounted that story.

A former US ambassador told Austrian TV, meanwhile, that Bloch had the same clearance as the ambassador for top secret information and thus also knew the identities of CIA agents in Vienna.

Interior Minister Franz Loeschnak was to issue a report on the case in the next few days. Officials of his ministry spoke earlier of an investigation into possible Austrian involvement in the Bloch case.

Vranitzky, speaking yesterday after his regular cabinet meeting, said, "The United States Ambassador (Grunwald) paid a visit to me, I think it was July 7."

He said they agreed to keep quiet about the probe so as not to endanger the investigation against Bloch, who was appointed deputy chief of mission in 1983 by Helene von Damm when she took over as ambassador.

In an interview with Austrian TV on Monday, Mrs von Damm said Bloch had had the same top clearance as the ambassador for top secret information and, therefore, also knew the identities of the US secret agents.

Meanwhile, a Republican Congressman, after meeting President George Bush at the White House, said the case highlighted weaknesses in Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) counter-intelligence and Washington's ability to keep tabs on the Soviet KGB.

New Gingrich of Georgia told reporters efforts would be made to push Congress to spend more money in this area. He also said he believed Moscow's efforts to spy on the West had accelerated since Mikhail Gorbachev came to power.

There were news reports yesterday that the Bush administration warned the Soviet Union against trying to help Bloch escape.



Vietnamese denial

Hong Kong police denied today reports that officers had beaten women, children and old people at a camp for Vietnamese boat people. The government promised a full investigation.

The office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) said it had evidence police lashed out with batons at Vietnamese boat people in Sek Kong camp on Sunday as they received aid packages over a barbed wire fence from friends.

Area police commander Richard Smallridge denied that a considerable number of people had been injured or that police had beaten women, children and the elderly.

"There is no truth in that whatsoever. It has not come to our attention," he told government-run Hong Kong radio.

He said only four people had been injured, and three of those were what he described as minor accidental injuries.

UNHCR officials reiterated today that a substantial number of people had been injured.

Picture shows a Vietnamese boy shades himself from the sun as he waits in a food queue at the Sek Kong refugee camp. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Briton under house arrest

## Burma denies claim

BANGKOK, Thailand, July 26, (AP): Michael Aris, the British husband of Burmese opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi who was arrested last week, is under effective house arrest with her, a British Embassy spokesman in Bangkok said today.

He said a spokesman for the British Embassy in Bangkok, who was in accordance with British custom spoke on condition of anonymity.

The spokesman said the Foreign Office had summoned the Burmese ambassador in London and "protested strongly" the treatment of Aris.

"He is a British subject and he has every right to go to the embassy," the spokesman said.

The Foreign Office said Britain's charge d'affaires had been prevented from seeing Aris, an Oxford University professor and expert on Tibet, since he arrived at Rangoon Airport Saturday.

In a message received in Bangkok today, the human rights organization Amnesty International expressed concern over the detention of Suu Kyi and Tin Oo.

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Almost 3,000 people are confirmed to have been detained in a nationwide crackdown on supporters of the movement, but thousands more are believed to have been arrested without publicity.

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Paris, July 26, (Agencies): Four warring Cambodian factions who broke off peace talks earlier this week are to meet again tomorrow to ensure a 20-nation conference on Cambodia at the weekend does not start without them.

Resistance leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk said today France had asked the four, Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and the three guerrilla factions, to try to decide who would represent Cambodia at the international conference.

A first session of "round-table" talks broke down yesterday with Cambodian Premier Hun Sen blaming the Khmer Rouge sabotage.

The Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge, Sihanouk's powerful guerrilla partner, is widely blamed for killing more than a million people in its rule of Cambodia from 1975-1979.

Hun Sen, installed in power by Vietnam after its 1979 invasion, refuses to accept Khmer Rouge demands to be included in a provisional government.

A Vietnamese newspaper says US Senate approval of a bill that would open the door to arms supplies for non-communist Cambodian factions was "an outdated and erroneous act."

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Joint venture



Dr. Saud Ayash at the project.

## Joint greenhouse project scores double success

### Humidity used to boost crops

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

SCIENTISTS working on a joint Kuwaiti-West German greenhouse research project recently scored a double success. They managed to reduce water and energy consumption in one of their greenhouses to about 50 per cent of the amount used in conventional greenhouses, and are now having a bumper crop of tomatoes.

The five-year experiment, which aims to tap solar energy and brackish water, and use unconventional technology, made headway largely through the use of evaporative cooling—a process of converting a large percentage of incoming solar radiation into water vapour.

The scientists found out that crops in one of the three experimental greenhouses where they maintained high humidity were the most successful. Greenhouse cultivation in arid areas is usually based on air-cooling.

"We found that crops need a sauna type of environment to perform well," said Dr. Saud Ayash in charge of the project on the Kuwaiti side.

The research, now in its second year, is being funded and conducted jointly by Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research (KISR) and the University of Hohenheim, the Federal Republic of Germany.

The three greenhouses in Sulaibiya differ in cover material, cooling systems and shading devices to allow an assessment of greenhouse crop cultivation and to determine water

and energy consumption.

The results so far left no doubt that high relative humidity boosts the crops.

To turn solar radiation into water vapour the scientists have installed an evaporation pad in one of the greenhouses. The hot, dry incoming air passes through wet pad cooling the air and causing some of the water in the pad to evaporate. A smaller portion of solar radiation is converted into sensible heat which in turn means that less additional cooling is required.

#### Sauna effect

Cooling is responsible for most of the energy consumption in greenhouses. Only about five cubic metres of water are used for water cooling in the greenhouse while energy consumption of 25 KWH can be further reduced with the use of more efficient pumps, said Dr. Ayash.

To reinforce the sauna effect the scientists have increased the density of plants which are themselves producers of water vapour. There are 3,200 tomato plants in two 520 square metre greenhouses and another 600 in the smaller greenhouse.

The researchers do not expect that solar energy greenhouses will be widely used unless there is a scientific breakthrough that will make photovoltaics cheaper. There have been reports that scientists in the West are on the verge of such a breakthrough.

However, the commercial use of greenhouses in desert areas such as Kuwait that will insist on appropriate relative humidity rather than just cooling is not far off, said Dr. Ayash.

The two-metre tall plants are heavy with the fruit. When the harvest is over some eight tons of tomatoes will have been collected.

The appropriate relative humidity, maintained at about 70 per cent against the average

### Haj transgressions

### Caravan owners charged

THE Higher Committee on Haj Affairs at the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will reportedly meet in the coming few days under the chairmanship of the ministry's undersecretary to look into penal and procedural measures against some Haj caravan organisers for transgressions reported against them by the accompanying crew of Kuwait's health services.

The daily reporting this said that the final session would be allocated to summoning the defendants to hear of their justifications and reactions to the charges brought up against them, in preparation for legal measures.

Ministry sources said that penalties would range between fines to withdrawal of practice licences, ruling out the possibility of turning all Haj caravan business to private or national companies.

### BAHRAIN DIGEST

## International food exhibition in 1990

ADVANCE bookings for the Gulf's premier food exhibition, Middle East Food Exhibition MEFEX '90 scheduled to be held between February 10-15, 1990 in Bahrain, confirms that business in the post-war Gulf is set for a significant resurgence.

In a press statement issued to the Arab Times the organisers of this forthcoming important event, Arabian Exhibition Management (AEM), announced that a considerable number of major international and local companies have confirmed their participation in the exhibition.

Prominent exhibitors will come from Australia, New Zealand, USA, Holland, UK, Austria, France, Denmark, India and the Philippines among the overseas participants while regional companies include Americano (Kuwait), Delmon Poultry (Bahrain), International Food-stuffs and Gulf Food Industries (UAE), Wheat Product Foodstuffs (Saudi Arabia) and the Omani public authority for marketing agricultural produce.

Stephen Key, chief executive of AEM, commented: "As well as confirming the increasingly healthy state of GCC markets, our order book also confirms the status of MEFEX as the undisputed number one food show for the Gulf".

His views are borne out by recent comments from eminent Bahraini businessmen.

### Unearthed cannons to be documented

THE assistant director of the Department of Antiquities and Museums at the Ministry of Information Dr. Fawaz Al Wheeby has said that the four English unearthed cannons at the old Kuwaiti port site will soon be documented and maintained.

Speaking to a local newspaper, Al Wheeby said that the cannons, date back to the 18th century, would be maintained by local archaeological researchers, under the supervision of a French expert to be summoned for this purpose.

He said that the department would carry out an extensive survey of Kuwait's various historical sites, within the framework of its next five-year plan activities.

## Kuwait's Israel Boycott Office effective

### Confusion over star: Sudan

HEAD of the Israel Boycott Office in Kuwait Ahmad Sudan has denied that Israeli products are available in Kuwait and are being sold by local merchants. He added that Kuwait's Israel Boycott Office is the most active in the Arab world. Explaining, he said this rumour is spreading in Kuwait because of the six point star on some imported items. He added that the existence of this star on products does not necessarily mean that they are of Israeli origin as this star is not an emblem of Israel only. It is also an ancient Indian holy emblem. We do not release any imports unless we make sure of their origin, Sudan said.

Commenting on products that carry the

trade mark "Made in Israel" found in the local market Sudan said that some local importers import goods with certain specifications from foreign companies. Sometimes these companies cannot supply them with total quantities from their stores so they buy them from local markets in their countries and send them with their own products. Some of these products are made in Israel, so they come with original imports. Sometimes students studying abroad bring Israeli products with them when they return to Kuwait. The customs inspectors can not inspect every item brought in by students, these sometimes infiltrate into the market. But he stressed that these are very rare cases, but when

discovered they get excited coverage by local news papers.

Sudan pointed out that some foreign companies which were blacklisted for dealing with Israel were lifted from the list after submitting the required documents showing that they are no longer dealing with Israel. He added that these companies were adversely affected by the Arab policy of boycotting Israel and companies that deal with it. The stagnation in the international markets obliged them to search for other new markets in the world specially the Arab markets so they stopped dealing with Israel.

Boycotting policies are being abided by

all Arab countries and are followed in a unified manner. The office controls an observatory attempting to export its products to the Arab countries through foreign countries which are close to Israel like Cyprus, Greece and Italy which re-export them to the Arab countries. The office ensures strict procedures on the certificates of origin of the exports of these countries. Boycott Office conditions make it mandatory that any imported product should carry a significant commercial brand showing its origin. On many occasions the customs inspectors expose and seize goods carrying brands of prohibited and blacklisted companies, he added.

### Compulsory use of seat belt proposed

By Bassam Al Qassas

ONLY 18 per cent of drivers in Kuwait use seat belts which is very low in comparison to countries who like Kuwait do not enforce its use. Secretary General of the Safety Society for the Prevention of Road Accidents, Dr. Nabil Abdul Rahim said. Addressing a seminar on the role of youth in Kuwait to prevent traffic accidents, he called for a law that makes it mandatory for drivers to use seat belts in the country. He said that according to a study made by Health Ministry 20-30 per cent of drivers use seat belts in other countries that have no such laws.

He said that not less than 50 per cent of drivers will use the seat belts if they are committed by law to do so. He also called upon traffic police to strictly apply the traffic rules adding that firm policy will greatly reduce traffic violations as well as accidents.

Rahim said that as collisions form over 36 per cent of the total traffic accidents in Kuwait, it was shown that a total of 50 per cent of these accidents resulted in serious injuries. He added that head to head collisions among cars form 12.4 per cent of the most dangerous traffic accidents in Kuwait. He said that the risk of collision injuries increases when several cars are involved in the accident. He said that 29.1 per cent of drivers and passengers of cars who meet with multiple collision accidents received serious injuries or died. The percentage was still higher among vehicles that overturn with 40.6 per cent.

Rahim emphasised that the use of seat belts will certainly reduce the number of casualties in all traffic accidents.

Casualties from traffic accidents are the main cause of death all over the world and in Kuwait in particular.



Information minister tours Arab Times/Seyassah

Minister of Information Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah toured the offices of Arab Times / Seyassah on Monday. Picture above shows the minister with Arab Times Managing Editor Mishael Al Jarallah touring the editorial offices and (below) at the computer type-setting section.



## Arab interior ministers to fight organised crime

### Narcotics, terrorism high on agenda

SECRETARY-General of the Council of Arab Interior Ministers Dr Akram Nashaat has said that the secretariat of the council will hold 14 conferences and meetings this year including the Conference of Arab Security and Police Commanders, Arab CID Commanders, Arab Traffic Commanders and heads of Arab anti-narcotic departments.

These conferences aim at fighting organised crime. The secretariat will also hold meetings for committees of evaluation and guiding of cultural and informational programmes. All Arab member states in the council will take part in these meetings and conferences. With the recent inclusion of Egypt to the council, the total strength is 22 countries.

The council holds its annual session in the beginning of December every year at the secretariat's headquarters in Tunis, he added.

#### Strategy

Nashaat pointed out that the council has a unified Arab security strategy and member states are serious in its implementation. The strategy aims at achieving integration in Arab security and Arab unity in this field which should be based on the guidance of Islamic Sharia. Efforts will focus on achieving Arab stability as in the event of any security problems in any Arab country their consequences will affect political, economic and

social stability of other Arab countries, he said.

He added that Arab security strategy is concerned in achieving programmes specialised to strengthen society values and to guide policies related to crime as well as to modernise and support security staff. The council approved the Arab strategy to fight illegal use of narcotics by bringing about a unified law on narcotics which is being carried out by many Arab countries.

#### Challenge

He pointed out that narcotics pose the most serious security challenge to Arab as well as the international society. Statistics showed that about 800 tons of hashish were seized by 14 Arab countries during the period between 1980-1987 (excluding Egypt which was not a member of the council during that period). The same countries also seized 700 kilos of hashish oil, 1,200 kilos of heroin, 260 million narcotic pills and 40 million Ketapang pills.

According to these statistics these countries reported a total of 66,000 cases of narcotics abuse during the same period. About 112,000 persons were arrested in these cases. The council is very concerned about this problem and has devised a unified strategy and law to fight narcotics. The council also called for establishing separate departments at Arab

interior ministries to fight narcotics.

The council also co-ordinated with the Arab media for fighting narcotics besides taking procedures to control the import of medical materials. The secretariat of the council agreed with Arab countries on the necessity to apply the death sentence on persons who smuggle and trade in narcotics. Some Arab countries adopted this and have already begun carrying out this sentence like Egypt and Saudi Arabia, he said.

#### Terrorism

He pointed out that the council is going to formulate a unified Arab strategy to fight terrorism which was exported to the Arab countries during the last few years. According to our information, terrorism is not exported to the Arab countries by individuals, or groups only but also by countries supporting it especially Israel through international organisations. The council called to hold an international conference to fight terrorism as soon as possible. The level of terrorism in the Arab world depends on the power of the security staff of each Arab country which can fight it. The council has succeeded in reducing crimes related to narcotics and terrorism in the Arab countries compared to their averages in the past, the official said.

### KPTC to operate new route to Egypt

fleet between Kuwait and Failaka.

He pointed out that unorganised distribution of fishing nets by fishermen along the Kuwait-Failaka route caused mechanical problems to many company owned ferries.

He urged Kuwaiti youth to join the company's marine sector and approach the company with their families especially during the summer, Haroon said.

their applications. He added that contacts are now taking place with Kuwait Municipality and

the Ministry of Public Works to organise parking lots for ferry passengers at Ras Al Ardh area. Ferries to Failaka are a great success and people utilise this facility with their families especially during the summer, Haroon said.

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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

IT is characteristic of wisdom not to do desperate things — Henry David Thoreau, US writer-naturalist (1817-1862).

## Intifada re-erects Jerusalem border

## Fear of attacks

THE Palestinian uprising has drawn a psychological border through the heart of Jerusalem, reversing two decades of Israeli efforts to force the Jewish and Arab areas into a united capital.

Few Arabs from the east of the city will wander into the Jewish west, and the masses of Jews who once flocked to the other side of Jerusalem to shop on Jewish Sabbath are no longer to be seen.

"The old city used to be packed with Israelis before the intifada," said Nafitali Sappir, a Jewish computer expert who frequently walked the maze of ancient streets before the revolt began 19 months ago.

Sappir tried to continue visiting the Arab half of the city but gave up after a few months because of fear of attacks. Now, like most Jews, he never goes. He describes today's situation as "the border that's been re-erected."

The 1948 Middle East war that erupted on Israel's creation left Jerusalem a divided city, with the newer suburbs of the west in Israeli hands and the walled old city — including sites sacred to both Jews and Muslims — in Arab hands.

Israel conquered the entire city in the 1967 war and set about ensuring it would forever remain its united capital. Unlike most occupied territory, it was annexed and declared part of Israel. Vast Jewish housing developments encircled the old Arab city.

Sappir and many others recall the first years as a time when the "green line" dividing the city faded psychologically as well as physically. If not friendship, there was at least co-existence between the Arabs and Jews.

Times have changed for the 350,000 Jews and 140,000 Arabs. "Jews just cannot walk in the old city as they did before the intifada — and vice-versa," said Hakam Fahoun, an Israeli Arab who runs a news office in East Jerusalem.

Arabs who once shopped in the west of the city or passed evenings in its sidewalk cafes now visit only if their jobs require it. They never linger.

Across the line, Bassam Khoury says 40 per cent of the customers in his fashionable food store on East Jerusalem's main shopping street used to be Israelis before the uprising.

On a Jewish Sabbath this summer he lamented that almost none still appeared.

Shopping trips to the Arab half of the city are further discouraged by a daily strike called by the leaders of the uprising, which shuts shops at noon. On other days they do not open at all.

The steel shutters of the shops clang shut, leaving empty streets and an eerie atmosphere.

Atmosphere is crucial. Although the precise danger is hard to identify, groups on both sides feel threatened.

There have been stabbings of Jews in the old city but similar crimes also happened in the west of Jerusalem and before the current unrest.

Arabs have suffered occasional stonings in the west, especially after injuries to Jews because of the intifada.

The fear in the air goes deeper.

The Israeli dread of East Jerusalem is now so strong that many Jewish motorists make lengthy detours to avoid it.

An Arab shopkeeper inside the old city said bluntly "this is a war" — and there are ample reminders of that.

Instead of the tourist throngs expected in one of the world's most historic cities, small groups of foreigners and Israeli troops carrying M-16 rifles walk the polished stone streets of the walled town.

An Army jeep with three soldiers in combat gear roars up the narrow Via Dolorosa, scattering children, only to speed back a few minutes later. An Arab glares after them from a doorway.

Israeli soldiers screen all entry to both the sacred Muslim sites of the Temple Mount and the adjoining Jewish Western (Wailing) Wall to prevent potentially explosive incidents.

The divide was demonstrated by a recent social event arranged by a foreigner with friends on both sides of the city.

If it was held at a West Jerusalem hotel, many Arabs would be afraid to come. If in an East Jerusalem hotel, Israelis, including government officials, would not attend. (Jerusalem — Reuter)

## PRESS REVIEW

**Al Bayan:** The United Arab Emirates newspaper *Al Bayan* today commented editorially on reported PLO contacts with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

It said in part: "It has become clear from the reported contacts between the PLO and Shamir party and from the US position towards its dialogue with the PLO that good intentions are a central issue in the search for peace."

Soon after the contacts were disclosed, Shamir denied the report. This was not surprising because Shamir cannot accept to be portrayed as contradicting himself and his Likud party members after they have undertaken not to conduct any contact with the PLO.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

1563 — French Army regains Le Havre, France, where English garrison is stricken with plague. Soldiers returning to England introduce the plague.  
 1655 — Great Elector of Brandenburg concludes peace treaty with Dutch, which starts first Northern War when Sweden's King Charles X invades Poland.  
 1675 — French Marshal Turenne is killed in battle at Salsbach, marking end of great French victories against triple alliance forces.  
 1710 — British forces score victory over Spanish at Almudena, Spain.  
 1795 — Spain signs peace treaty with France, ceding her part of San Domingo.  
 1839 — Opium War between China and Britain begins after Chinese authorities seize and burn British cargoes of opium.  
 1848 — Russians invade Danubian principalities at request of Turkey to put down revolts there.  
 1894 — Regent of Korea declares war on China.  
 1933 — Assyrian Christians are massacred in Iraq.  
 1941 — Japanese forces land in Indo-China during World War II.  
 1953 — Korean armistice is signed at Panmunjom.  
 1954 — Britain and Egypt agree on terms ending 72 years of British control of Suez Canal.  
 1965 — US planes carry out first attacks against anti-aircraft missile sites in North Vietnam.  
 1978 — UN Security Council endorses Western plan for ending guerrilla warfare in South-West Africa and bringing it independence as new black African state of Namibia.  
 1987 — Riot police in Sri Lanka clash with Sinhalese Buddhists demonstrating against peace plan aimed at ending bloody rebellion by Tamil Hindus.  
 1988 — Iraq continues to insist on face-to-face negotiations with Iran before starting any cease-fire in Gulf War.



Afghan women carry Soviet AK-47s during a parade of village defence forces in 1988.

## Kabul govt denies communism

## Islamic image sought

FIVE months after Soviet troops completed their withdrawal from Afghanistan, Kabul's pro-Moscow government is trying to convince its people it has embraced Islam and is not communist.

In this mainly Muslim country, President Najibullah refers continually to the faith in his speeches, publicises the building of new mosques and spends increasing amounts subsidising pilgrimages by Afghans to Makkah.

But the communist label acquired during the long Soviet presence is hard to shrug off.

Afghan mujahideen commandos fought a holy war against the Soviet "infidel" troops for nine years and they are still fighting the government's Soviet troops left behind.

"I don't care what they (the government) say," said a 28-year-old academic who asked not to be identified. "They're communists."

Foreign diplomats say the government has been bold in admitting past errors of the ruling People's Democratic Party (PDPA) and Najibullah has instigated many changes.

"He has practically done a complete change in party policy," said one diplomat in Kabul.

The party came to power in 1978 with the overthrow of President Mohammed Daoud, at a time when leading Afghan leftists were hungry for social change and progress in their backward country.

Party members began aggressively pushing policies which traditionalists in the countryside found intolerable.

One such policy was to make it mandatory for girls to go to school — an idea that led to the killing of several party officials by men in the provinces.

The government said it wanted to modernise Afghanistan and tried implementing a land reform programme, but met fierce resistance from landlords and Muslim religious leaders in the villages. As a result many mullahs were thrown in prison and many were killed.

Now the government is trying to court the mullahs and stone for its former ways.

It has backed off on the mandatory education of females in the countryside and has stopped trying to enforce one of its earlier revolutionary decrees aimed at eradicating the practice of paying "bride prices."

"Bride price remains the tradition outside of Kabul," said a government official and party member. While the government is trying to show its new modern Islamic face, some mujahideen leaders based in Pakistan have moved to religious extremes and espoused strict Muslim fundamentalism, a relatively new phenomenon in Afghanistan.

Many Afghan women who, traditionally, lived unveiled and worked alongside their men in the fields at home are now veiled and shut away from society in refugee camps in Pakistan.

"We had a hard life there," said a woman in her 20s who had returned from Pakistan and was preparing to go home to the northern province of Kunduz.

She sat huddled with two other women on the floor of a room at a government centre for returning refugees. The three cowered at the arrival of a foreign visitor, hiding their faces behind brightly coloured shawls.

About half the women on the streets of Kabul

wear traditional head-to-toe cloaks, but many wear Western dress.

"The conflict in this country has produced a school of hardliners on both sides — the old communist types in the government and the new Muslim fundamentalists of the mujahideen," said another diplomat.

One difficulty for the government in its bid to change its image is that it still seems reliant on Moscow.

The vast majority of Afghanistan's trade is with its giant northern neighbour and most of its aid comes from there. The PDPA's structure mirrors that of Moscow's Communist Party and Soviet-made armoured personnel carriers trundled Afghan troops through the streets of Kabul.

The reception desk at the city's once-luxurious Continental Hotel distributes news releases from the Soviet Novosti news agency and Moscow television is broadcast in the country.

But government officials bristle at the suggestion that Najibullah's administration is communist and foreign experts say there is little in the Afghan economy that is communist or even socialist. An estimated 95 per cent of business is in private hands.

Moreover, the earlier communist-style rhetoric of state-run news agencies and government speeches has largely been replaced by praise to Allah and the traditions of Islam.

Najibullah sent a message in early July to 37 Islamic countries asking them to put pressure on Pakistan to stop backing the rebels.

(Kabul — Reuter)

## India cannot meet Colombo's deadline

## Factions girding for battle

AS Sri Lanka's deadline for India to withdraw its soldiers approaches, both sides are preparing for confrontations — but not with each other.

Once considered a tropical paradise by tourists, the island nation off the coast of India has been rent by a civil war made even bloodier by infighting among the country's two main ethnic groups — the Tamils and the Sinhalese.

A group of Sri Lanka's minority Tamils have been battling since 1983 against the majority Sinhalese to form their own nation. Now they also are fighting the Indian peacekeeping troops and rival Tamil guerrilla groups.

Complicating the picture further, extremists among the island's Sinhalese have been killing members of their own ethnic group who are in the government. The Sinhalese extremists feel the country has been too soft on the rebels and they are angered by the presence of the Indian peacekeeping force.

About 80 wives and children of Indian Embassy staffers flew home this week for what was officially described as "the routine summer holiday." Some Indian diplomats acknowledge, however, that the departures conveniently coincided with Sri Lanka's deadline for the Indian peacekeeping force to withdraw by this weekend.

Since India has dismissed the deadline as impossible to meet, there is concern in Colombo that Indian civilians could become targets for the Sinhalese extremists who say the Indian military presence is a threat to Sri Lanka's sovereignty.

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of anonymity, say no such orders have been given yet.

Even if the Sri Lankan troops do come out of their barracks, both Indian and Sri Lankan sources discount the possibility of fighting against the Indian soldiers. One reason, as a Sri Lankan government official acknowledged privately, is the Sri Lankans know the Indians outclass them in combat skills.

Sri Lanka's entire security force of Army, Navy, Air Force and police barely numbers 40,000. Of these, only 6,000 soldiers are considered "combat trained."

Besides, they already have their hands full trying to deal with the Sinhalese extremists in southern and central Sri Lanka whom the government blames for 4,000 political assassinations in the last two years.

Senior Sri Lankan and Indian officers also claim to have a good rapport at command levels, and 600 lower-level Sri Lankan officers are trained free of charge every year in India — in non-combat fields such as engineering and communications.

Premadasa's militant statements appear to be ultimatums that he can't enforce, according to Indian officials in New Delhi and key members of Premadasa's own government who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Indian troops, meanwhile, are continuing

their efforts to disarm the Tamil guerrillas whose 1983 separatist revolt against the Sinhalese resulted in the current military and political problems.

For the past two years, the Tigers have trained their guns on Indian soldiers and rival Tamil groups who enjoy India's support and control the northeastern provincial council elected last fall.

The Tigers claim the Indians mounted a new offensive against them this month. A well-placed Sri Lankan government official said, "India has decided to wipe out the LTTE (Tigers) and they won't stop on the 29th."

India denies any offensive exists and says its troops have not wavered from their peacekeeping role.

The Tamil insurrection has claimed about 11,000 lives since 1983, according to figures supplied by the Sri Lankan and Indian governments. Tamil militants and independent sources. Of these, about 7,200 were Tamils, 2,700 Sinhalese, 1,000 Indian soldiers and 100 Muslims.

In Colombo and the Sinhalese heartland, Premadasa's forces are on alert against the Sinhalese extremists of the People's Liberation Front. Members of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force as well as riot police patrol the capital, often in Indian-made armoured trucks. (AP — Colombo)

## Sri Lanka to approach UN

SRI LANKA looks ready to appeal to the United Nations in its bitter dispute with India over the removal of Indian troops from the embattled island, diplomats said today.

They said envoys expected to be told soon what the next move would be in Colombo's campaign to get rid of the 45,000-man Indian peace-keeping force (IPKF) that is refusing to leave Sri Lanka's July 29 deadline.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne has called a meeting with foreign diplomats for Friday.

"Quite what they are going to do they haven't said, but the signs are they'll take the issue to the UN and make a big fuss," one diplomat said.

The diplomats said there had been fears Premadasa might give free rein to anti-Indian protests.

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Delhi says a premature pull-out would precipitate a bloody

struggle for control among rebel groups. It also says it cannot leave until the safety of Sri Lanka's minority Tamils is assured by giving them the semi-autonomous powers promised under the accord.

"The possibility had been that Premadasa would let the agitation roll and present it as a national expression of anti-Indian feeling," a diplomat said.

Foreign Minister Wijeratne said that fear somewhat with a statement that there was no need for violence and security forces had been told to prevent any.

Foreign diplomats saw no easy end to the crisis.

"The Indian attitude is that they are morally right and don't care what the world says," an Asian diplomat said.

"The fact is that India and Sri Lanka have put themselves in no-win situations. Both are acting against their national interests in a manner that leaves one breathless," a Western envoy said.

"It will stand on my head on the dome of the Capitol on Dec 31 every year and wiggle my ears if that happens." — US Senator Bill Bumpers, ridiculing the concept that a provision in a proposed US immigration bill will create 48,000 jobs a year.

"Mrs Thatcher is beautiful but Francois Mitterrand is more beautiful." — Roger Faure, French industry minister said during a visit to Japan last week.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

NatWest scandal

## 'First the big bang ... now the fall-out'

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): A shares scandal has blown four British bankers out of the boardroom in the first case of its kind since London's financial markets were deregulated three years ago in what was dubbed the "big bang."

Financial analysts said a government investigation into a takeover which created the world's largest employment agency in 1987 and their downfall has shown what can happen in the fiercely competitive City of London, Europe's leading financial centre.

The scandal claimed a high-ranking victim: Lord Boardman, chairman of Britain's largest commercial bank, National Westminster Bank PLC, who resigned yesterday along with three senior directors.

"First the big bang ... now the fall-out," London's Evening Standard newspaper said in an article on the city, a major source of revenue for investors and the government.

County NatWest, a subsidiary of the bank group, is alleged by the Department of Trade and Industry to have misled the stock market after the investment bank underwrote a failed rights issue made to fund a \$1.3-billion bid by Britain's Blue Arrow for Manpower Inc. of the United States.

The report last week said County NatWest was left with a 13.4 per cent Blue Arrow stake but failed to disclose it, as required by law. Analysts said this could be interpreted as an attempt to support the share price and mask the issue's failure.

"Given that financial services account for one pound in six of the country's national income, and one job in eight, then we all suffer as a nation if the city goes on the slide," Anthony Hilton, the Evening Standard's city editor wrote.

Analysts said the seeds of the Blue Arrow fiasco were sown in 1986 when Britain's large banks sought to "de-risk" themselves in order to participate in post-big-bang deregulated share trading.

The deregulation was intended to help London keep its place alongside New York and Tokyo as a globe centre of finance. It ended a brokers' monopoly and admitted outsiders like banks as well as foreign firms and banks to trade in stocks and bonds.

## KD deposit rates mixed

KUWAIT, July 26, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mixed today despite a low yield issue of 91-day treasury bills.

Dealers believed the Central Bank itself may have absorbed nearly the entire 100 million dinar (\$335 million) issue. The average yield fell to 8.01 per cent from 8.31 the week before.

In the fixed dates, one month was steady at 9-1/4 8-3/4 and three months eased to 9-1/4 8-3/4 from 9-3/8 nine.

The Central Bank adjusted its dollar to local exchange rate to 0.29505/15 from 0.29569/79 on Tuesday.

## Exchange rates

Indian rupee	18.020
Sri Lankan rupee	8.550
Pakistani rupee	14.160
Bangladesh taka	9.080
US dollars	29585
Pound sterling	48550
Deutsche mark	15735
UAE dirham	08060
Japanese yen	002100

## Mobil, Chevron report

## Earnings decline

NEW YORK, July 26, (OPECNA): The Mobil and Chevron corporations today reported slightly lower second-quarter earnings, but each company said that after adjusting for special factors, the year's results were better than corresponding 1988 figures.

Meanwhile, Phillips Petroleum has announced an increase in earnings over the same period.

Oil companies, as a group, are showing the benefits of the quarter's higher oil prices, but because crude prices rose faster than those of products, some firms are experiencing lower earnings from refining and marketing operations.

All companies, however, are benefiting from the run-up in gasoline prices this spring, giving stronger results for the quarter than during the first three months of the year.

Mobil said second-quarter earnings were \$401 million, or 98 cents a share, down 22.7 per cent from the \$519 million or 1.26 per share, recorded in the same period last year. Revenues were unchanged at \$14 billion.

The company's net this year includes a \$140 million loss on the sale of business operations in South Africa, while 1988 results included income of \$35 million from operations that have been discontinued.

Excluding the loss in the quarter just completed, the New York-based Mobil said second-quarter earnings were \$541 million, up 22 million from last year.

The company's world-wide capital expenditures of \$848 million were up 15 million from the same period last year.

## Clean-up cost is nuclear energy industry's new worry

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Nuclear power plants, already dogged by cost overruns and safety worries, face a new question mark over their future — the soaring cost of dismantling them when their life is over.

Britain put the problem in the spotlight in late July when it announced that it would keep nine ageing plants in state hands when it offers the country's electricity industry for sale to private investors next year.

The offer is part of Prime Minister Thatcher's aggressive programme of state asset sales.

In one of his last tasks as energy

secretary before being shifted to the transport portfolio in the cabinet reshuffle, Cecil Parkinson said new data had emerged about the cost of "decommissioning" the nine Magnox series plants, which began service in 1962.

The left-wing opposition Labour Party's Tony Benn, a former energy secretary, retorted: "What you have done today is to confirm what many people have long suspected — nuclear power in Britain is not, and never has been, economic."

Stockbrokers' energy analysts said the government had effectively admitted that investors would never buy a generating company saddled with potentially huge nuclear liabilities.

The privatised generating utilities are still set to inherit Britain's more modern nuclear plants, as well as plans to build a new generation of US-style reactors. But a special levy on the sale of all electricity will help them subsidise the cost.

"Investors hate nuclear power," said Liz Christie at Hoare Govett. "Not because of any principle but because they are frightened of the costs."

New estimates that cleaning up the US military's nuclear rubbish may cost

\$200 billion have provided ammunition for anti-nuclear lobbyists everywhere.

Officials at the nuclear energy agency in Paris, part of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), said the main problem over decommissioning costs was the sheer uncertainty.

Britain's Central Electricity Generating Board utility put aside a sum equal to \$460 million in 1987-88, the last year for which figures are available, making a total reserve of \$4.65 billion.

But a report in July by brokerage UBS-Phillips and Drew put Britain's

decommissioning bill at \$19.5 billion by the end of the century, or 30 per cent more than the present book value of all the country's nuclear assets.

Phillips and Drew say the report used estimates by some US power generating utilities that shutdown costs would equal construction costs in real terms.

The timescale for decommissioning

is crucial.

A recently abandoned nuclear installation is highly radioactive but radioactivity diminishes with time.

Decommissioning costs are an important factor in tipping the economic balance

away from nuclear power.



US ambassador Frank Wiener (left) shakes hands with Morris Makramallah, the Egyptian Minister for International Co-operation, after signing a protocol for a \$200 million grant from the US Agency for International Development (USAID) at the industrial city of the Tenth of Ramadan near Cairo. The grant will be divided equally between both the public and private sectors. (Reuters wirephoto)

### Accord to restore confidence in economy

## Egypt to sign IMF agreement shortly

CAIRO, July 26, (Reuters): US Ambassador Frank Wiener said today he was confident Egypt would soon sign an IMF accord on economic reform which would pave the way for debt rescheduling.

Egypt also hopes an accord would restore confidence in the economy and bring in fresh foreign investment and credits.

"We are confident that Egypt will shortly sign an agreement with the IMF," Wiener told officials and businessmen in Tenth of Ramadan city, a new

town about 60 km (35 miles) north of Cairo.

That is why the time is right now for investment in Egypt's future," he said.

The gathering marked the signing of aid accords in which the US agreed to give Egypt \$200 million loans and grants to pay for imports. The money will be evenly split between the private and public sectors.

Officials said an accord for a further \$100 million in loans to the private sector would be sig-

ned shortly as part of a general policy to boost private sector businesses.

Another agreement was signed to provide Egypt with 27,000 tonnes of wheat flour worth \$7 million. The US gives Egypt about \$2.6 billion a year in grants and loans.

An International Monetary Fund official said earlier this month he was optimistic about prospects for an accord after Egypt began implementing economic reforms which included cuts in its budget deficit.

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### Fishing industry to get boost

NICOSIA, July 26, (Reuters): The UN Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) is to help Oman develop its fishing industry to offset its loss on oil under an agreement signed today.

The official Omani News Agency said the FAO would lease a research ship to the sultanate, help survey its fish resources and train local government employees.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said Omani Agriculture and Fisheries Minister Mohammed Bin Abdullah Bin Zaher Al Hinai signed the accord in Muscat.

Oman agreed two weeks ago for a Japanese agency to study prospects of expanding Qaboos Port and building a new one to cope with increasing trade.

The sultanate stepped up its search for other sources of income after a sharp drop in oil prices three years ago. It expects a budget deficit of 407 million rials (\$1.6 billion) this year.

Oman's next five-year plan from 1991 includes fishing development. Its present catch is estimated at 100,000 tonnes a year but officials believe this can be trebled without affecting stocks.

### ACC ministers open talks

BAGHDAD, July 26, (OPECNA): Finance ministers from the four-member Arab Co-operation Council (ACC) began a two-day meeting here today.

The ministers from Iraq, Jordan, Egypt and North Yemen are expected to discuss means for co-ordinating their countries' financial policies and co-operation among member state financial institutions.

The meeting will be followed tomorrow by a conference of ACC trade ministers to discuss the extension of trade links.

## Jordanian dinar falls sharply

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 26, (Reuters): The Jordanian dinar has dropped sharply against the Israeli shekel in the occupied West Bank amid concern over Jordan's foreign debt, Palestinian moneychangers said today.

East Jerusalem moneychangers said the dinar had fallen between four and 17 per cent against the shekel in the past two days in near panic trading.

"Many people want to change. They want ... to get rid of the dinar because they are afraid that there are many changes in Amman," one currency dealer in Amman, one currency dealer told Israel Radio.

Another said: "We heard on television that the (Jordanian) government owes the world more than \$10 billion.

Jordan, now rescheduling part of its \$8.3 billion foreign debt, has embarked on an economic recovery plan.

Jordan's Central Bank last week cut the dinar by about two per cent against the dollar but the official rate is still more than 30 per cent below that on the black market in Amman.

Barak said the main cause appeared to be Jordan's continuing economic problems and predicted a further decline in the dinar's value.

## Dollar dips, gold soars

Tokyo stocks continue rally

### Strikes hit UK trade

LONDON, July 26, (Reuters): Share prices were mixed to easier this afternoon but above early lows, as a London train and tube strikes added to the usual seasonal lull in trading.

The thin market undermined the positive effect of a lower than expected UK trade deficit with dealers noting an almost total lack of investor interest. "It's been the quietest day I can remember for quite a while. I haven't even heard a half-good bid rumour," complained one dealer.

By 1439 GMT the FTSE 100 was 5.4 off on turnover of 275.3 million shares. An early 1500 GMT close was also discouraging trading.

The UK June current account deficit was £1.49 billion compared with a £1.32 billion May gap and market estimates of around £1.6 billion. The treasury said the deficit was clearly trending downwards but economists were more cautious.

"We should see a modest improvement in the deficit in the rest of this year but anyone who is looking for a rapid turnaround in the position is going to be disappointed," said Kevin Gardiner, economist at brokers Warburg Securities.

Gardiner said that he still expected a deficit of around £1.7 billion for this year and some 14 billion for the year after.

ICI stood 14p weaker at 1,253. Dealers said the stock was hit by a report in the UK's Independent newspaper which said there are doubt about the company's Corwin heart drug. It suggested Corwin would not contribute to profits as first thought and would not be actively marketed.

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Tokyo stock prices continued their five-day rally today but the currency market could find little inspiration to push the dollar either up or down.

The key 253-share Nikkei index climbed 159.69 points or 0.46 per cent to 34,698.59 at mid-day.

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ADT LTD	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00	85.00
ALD LYONS	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0	501.0
AMSTRAD	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0	73.0
ARGYLL GP	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0	233.0
ASDA GP	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0	192.0
BAA	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0	359.0
BTR	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52	05.52
BAT INDs	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00	73.00
BARCLAYS	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59	81.59
BASS	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0	039.0
BEAVER	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0	180.0
BECHAMS	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0	644.0
BERISFORD	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0	158.0
BICC PLC	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0
BLUE ARR	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0	107.0
BLUE CIRC	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0	559.0
BOC GP	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0
BOOTS CO	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
BPE INDs	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0	253.0
BR COMM	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0	173.0
BR AIRWAY	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0	202.0
BR AEROSP	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0	701.0
BR GAS RE	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0	198.0
BR LAND	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0	378.0
B.P.	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0	300.0
BR STEEL	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56	75.56
BR TELCO	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91	55.91
BURNLZ	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0	147.0
BURNAH OL	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0	643.0
BURTON	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0	241.0
CABLESWIR	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0	517.0
CADBURYS	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0	449.0
CALOR GRP	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0	423.0
ENTER OIL	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0	616.0
FKI BASIC	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0	174.0
FERRANTI	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0	86.0
FISONS	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0	331.0
GATEWAY	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0	231.0
GEN ACCIO	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0	982.0
GEN ELEC	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5	266.5
GLAXO	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44	02.44
GRANADA	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0	356.0
GLOBE	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5	190.5
GLYNWED	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0	312.0
GOURTAULD	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0	362.0
DALGETY	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0	422.0
DIXONS	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0	167.0
STD.CHART	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0	523.0
FTI BASIC	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0	143.0
HARRIS C	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0	169.0
HUKER SID	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0	748.0
HILLSDOWN	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0	280.0
WIMPEY GE	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0	278.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-QR	PREV-YR
FT 30 ORD	1885.8	1886.0	1886.0	1707.9 1455.3
FT 500 SHR	1284.0	1286.0	1286.0	1182.1 1008.8
FT ALL SHR	1158.37	1159.93	1155.26	1076.15 926.59
FT GOV SEC	86.70	86.34	86.34	87.30 87.03
FT GOLD MN	193.00	194.60	193.20	190.2 161.9
FT MINES F	681.43	678.47	671.83	653.25 565.3
FT OIL	2154.5	2166.5	2168.8	1978.9 1725.4
FT WLD DLR	148.70	147.19	147.98	141.17 139.21
FT WLD STG	135.54	134.87	135.34	123.81 115.30
FT WLD LOC	141.41	140.46	140.63	129.77 123.40

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. STOCKS TRADING HIT BY STRIKES, SEASONAL LULL

THIS AFTERNOON BUT ABOVE EARLY LOWS, AS A LONDON TRAIN AND TUBE STRIKE ADDED TO THE USUAL SEASONAL LULL IN TRADING.

THE THIN MARKET UNDERRMINED THE POSITIVE EFFECT OF A LOWER THAN EXPECTED U.K. TRADE DEFICIT WITH DEALERS NOTING AN ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF INVESTOR INTEREST. "IT'S BEEN THE QUIETEST DAY I CAN REMEMBER FOR QUITE A WHILE. I HAVEN'T EVEN HEARD A HALF-GOOD BID RUMOUR," COMPLAINED ONE DEALER.

BY 1439 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS 5.4 OFF ON TURNOVER OF 275.3 MILLION SHARES. AN EARLY 1505 GMT CLOSE WAS ALSO DISCOURAGING TRADING. FOR FAST UPDATES OF LONDON STOCK REPORT SEE PAGE-STOK\*

THE U.K. JUNE CURRENT ACCOUNT DEFICIT WAS 1.49 BILLION STG COMPARED WITH A 1.32 BILLION MAY GAP AND MARKET ESTIMATES OF AROUND 1.6 BILLION. THE TREASURY SAID THE DEFICIT WAS CLEARLY TRENDING DOWNWARDS BUT ECONOMISTS WERE MORE CAUTIOUS.

"WE SHOULD SEE A MODEST IMPROVEMENT IN THE DEFICIT IN THE REST OF THIS YEAR BUT ANYONE WHO IS LOOKING FOR A RAPID TURNAROUND IN THE POSITION IS GOING TO BE DISAPPOINTED," SAID KEVIN GARDNER, ECONOMIST AT BROKERS WARBURG SECURITIES.

GARDNER SAID THAT HE STILL EXPECTED A DEFICIT OF AROUND 17 BILLION STG FOR THIS YEAR AND SOME 14 BILLION FOR THE YEAR AFTER.

## London Gold

LONDON, JULY 26, REUTER - GOLD BULLION PRICES EDGED UP IN LATE TRADING, CAPITALISING ON A SOFT

# WORLD STOCK MARKETS

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## INTERNATIONAL Bond Highlights

LONDON: Banque Francise du Commerce Extérieur is issuing a 175 mln dr Eurobond due August 16, 1994 paying 8-3/8 pct and priced at 101-1/2, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.  
 London: John Danko Co Ltd is issuing a 100 mln dr equity warranty bond due August 17, 1993 priced at par and with an indicated coupon of 4-3/8 pct, lead manager Nomura International PLC said.  
 London: Commonwealth Bank of Australia is issuing a 100 mln ECU five-year bond paying 8-3/4 and priced at 101-7/8, lead manager Credit Suisse First Boston said.  
 Paris: Deutsche Bank AG is raising 500 mln French francs through a seven-year Eurobond carrying an 8-3/4 pct coupon and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Banque Nationale de Paris said.  
 Zurich: Kansai's Hyakujishi Bank Ltd is issuing 130 mln Swiss francs in 1/2 pct convertible notes priced at par, lead manager Credit Suisse said.  
 Stockholm: Yield differentials are beginning to emerge on the Swedish commercial paper market following the introduction last year of a system of credit ratings, dealers said.  
 Addis Ababa: African heads of state considered on Wednesday a proposal to convene an international conference next December on the continent's 230 billion dr foreign debt.  
 Amsterdam: General Motors Acceptance Corporation Nederland NV (GMAC Nederland) is starting a 200 mln guilder commercial paper programme which is fully guaranteed by GMAC USA, arranger ABN Bank said.

## BOMBAY

PR CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GNFC	32	32	32.25	WAT ORG	--	--
ACC 291.50	291	288.50	GRASIM	120	120.50	121.50	NIPPON	--	37 38
ALLEN CHEN	--	--	GSFC	160	157.50	161.25	NOCIL	950	955 970
ALW HIS	--	--	GUJ ALKL	68.50	67.25	68.50	OKRAY	16.50	16 17
ART FAB	--	--	GUJ HEAVY	10.50	10	11	OSWAL AGRO	68	69 70.50
ASHOK LEY	75	70	HERO HONDA	20	19	20	PEICO	49.50	49.50 51
ASIA PAINT	193.50	191.25	25 HIND CIBA	870	870	880	PONDS	165	167.50 168
ATLAS CORP	37	35	37 HIND COCOA	110	111.25	111.25	PREM AUTO	49.50	49.50 51
AUTO CORP	73	70	72 HIND LEVER	91.50	91.50	93	RAMBAXY	85	77.50 82.50
BAJAJ AUTO	346.25	342.50	345 HIND MOTOR	33	34.25	34	RAY WOOL	83.50	82 85.50
BAL RAYON	535	535	527.50 HINDALCO	282.50	283.75	286.25	RECKITT	174.75	175 177.50
BK BOND	82	78	80 HOECHST	760	750	755	RELIANCE	115	114 116.50
BLOW PLAST	--	--	IND ORE	37.50	37	38	--	--	--
BOD DYE	131	131	129 IND RAYON	78	77.50	78	SESA GOA	42.50	41.50 42.50
BSE INDEX	754.10	754.10	270.25 INDROL	295	293.75	297.50	SHAW WALL	--	--
BURR WEL	208	195	200 INGERSOLL	390	385	390	SHREE CEM	--	--
CANSHARE	--	--	ITC	107.50	107	110	SHRI FIR	83	80 82.50
CEN ENKA	2750	2725	2750 JK SYN	77.50	81	78	SIEMENS	68	66 68
CEN SPS	1930	1930	1940 KIN ENGG	150	150	151.25	SKF	1270	1280 1270
COLGATE	317.50	317.50	317.50 KIR CLOM	62.50	60	62.50	SPIC	52	51.50 53
CROMI GR	--	--	KSB PUMPS	385	375	380	ST MILLS	365	360 355
DCM	10.50	10	11 L AND T	100.50	100	104	TATA CHEM	122	121 123
DEEP FERT	30.50	30	30.75 LIPTON	73	72	73	TATA OIL	70	68.75 71.25
DUNLOP	--	76	78 MAC RUSSEL	112.50	111.25	113.75	TATA POW	430	432.50 435
EL HOTELS	61	60	62 MAC COATS	104	104	102	TELECO	972.50	972.50 982.5
ESCORTS	66	66	68.50 MAHINDRA	89	88	90	THAPPI AGRO	--	--
ESKAYEF	118.75	118.75	117.50 MAS SHARE	16	15.85	16.15	TISCO	1326	1325 1345
ESSAR SPG	25.50	25.25	25.50 MICO	645	640	640	VAM ORG	169	169.50 170.50
FOOD SPL	162.50	162.50	163.75 MILK FOOD	200	190	200	VARELI	22.50	22.50 23.25
FORBES	72	51.25	52.50 MODI	90	90	93	VOLTAS	830	825 835
GAR POLY	65	65	68 MFR LTD	370	362.50	367.50	WINCO	16.25	16 16.75
GE SHIPING	43.50	43.50	43.85 NUK IRON	128.50	129	131	ZENITH	54	52 55
GLINDIA	88.50	88	91 NAT INDEX	388.22	384.06	ZUARI AGRO	67.50	67.50	70

## FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	MITSUBI CP	1600	1580	
AEG	202.5	202.5	AIJINOMOTO	2700	2700	MITSUBI EL	1160	1170	
ALLIANZ VR.	2205.0	2165.0	AKAI ELEC	770	755	MITSUBI EST	2480	2490	
BADERMERR	232.0	232.5	AKOI	1390	1400	MITSUBI HVY	1290	1280	
BASF	289.8	290.2	ASAHI GLS	2410	2390	MITSUBI CO	1150	1140	
BAUER	293.3	292.5	ASAHI OPT	920	914	MITSUKOSHI	2340	2360	
BAUER HYP	444.0	444.0	BANK TOKYO	1700	1730	MITSUNI EL	1000	992	
BAUER VER	424.0	424.0	BRIDGESTON	1620	1620	MICHICON	1690	1700	
BBC	450.0	450.0	CANON	1770	1790	MINOH CHNT	1220	1250	
BHF	470.0	464.0	CASIO COMP	1410	1400	MINKO SEC	1840	1830	
BHM	615.5	610.0	CHUGAI PHN	1930	1900	NIP ELEC	1920	1950	
COMBESZ	279.5	277.0	CITIZEN W	1100	1090	NIP KOKKAN	837	835	
CONTI GURU	324.5	323.5	D-ICHI KAN	3500	3470	NIP OIL	1450	1470	
DAHNER BEN	756.0	757.5	DAI NIP IK	890	901	NIP STEEL	865	867	
DEUTS BANK	679.0	666.0	DAI NIP PT	2330	2370	NIP YUSEN	1140	1100	
DLW	556.0	559.5	DAI NIP SC	1290	1260	NIS MOTOR	1520	1540	
DRESDNER-B	363.5	355.5	DAI NIP TO	972	957	NOMURA SEC.	3360	3330	
FAZ-INDEX	445.59	437.75	DAICEL	1120	1100	OBRA CO	1220	1220	
FELDMUEHL	367.5	360.5	DAIWA H	2400	2300	OLYMPUS	1480	1500	
GOLDSCHMID	423.0	413.9	DAIWA SEC	2310	2300	PENTA OCN	1450	1440	
HARPENER	451.8	452.0	EBRA MFG	2310	2290	PIONEER	3780	3790	
HOECHST AG	297.9	298.0	EISAI	2050	2040	RENOV	1170	1140	
HORECH	231.2	229.5	FUJITSU	1600	1610	RICOH	1260	1280	
HORTEN	289.0	287.0	FUJI BANK	3610	3630	SANKYO	2540	2500	
HUSSEL HLD	670.0	680.0	FUJI PHOTO	4260	4280	SEIYU ST	2490	2470	
KALI SALZ	210.7	212.8	FUJITA CP	1930	1940	SEKISUI PB	2340	2310	
KARSTADT	633.0	638.5	HITACHI	1620	1620	SHARP	1440	1440	
KAUHOF	532.0	528.0	HONDA MOT	1980	1970	SHISEIDO	1880	1850	
KLOECK H	185.0	184.0	ISETAN	2580	2570	SONY	7990	7900	
LINDE	270.0	268.0	ITO YOKADO	4340	4280	TAISEI	1690	1690	
LUFTHANSA	177.0	168.8	JAP SYN RU	1320	1280	TAISHO MRN	1480	1510	
MAR	347.0	343.5	JAPAN AIR	16600	16100	TAKEDA CH	2400	2380	
MANNESMAN	233.9	231.0	JAPAN NET	1080	1080	TEIJIN	965	980	
MERCEDES	591.0	592.5	KAJIMA	2280	2250	TKO NEW IX	586.13	584.07	
METALLGES	469.0	465.0	KANSAI EL	4680	4780	TOKIO MRN	2150	2160	
MIXDORF PF	355.0	341.2	KAO SOAP	1800	1810	TOKYO ELEC	1220	1230	
MORSE HYD	44.50	44.70	KAWASAKI H	1200	1190	TOKYO GAS	1100	1110	
PHILIP KOM	535.5	532.5	KAWASAKI S	930	940	TOKYO POWR	5990	6080	

# Japan's corporate money bearing down on France

TOKYO, July 26, (Reuter): Japanese companies, no longer bothered by perceived Parisian snobishness, are scrambling to invest in France before the doors of "Fortress Europe" slam shut, businessmen and officials said.

They were commenting after French Industry Minister Roger Fauroux visited Tokyo last week and told reporters the growth of Japanese investment in France in 1989 could match a 1988 boom when it more than doubled to 263 million francs (\$41.2 million).

Fauroux said he was here to banish a belief among Japanese that France disliked them and their money.

"France has in the past had a bad reputation as a protective country," Fauroux told a media lunch. "But that attitude has radically changed."

By the end of January 1989 there were 85 manufacturing firms in France with Japanese parents, up from 38 at the end of 1987, according to the Japan External Trade Organisation (JETRO).

"But the government ministries in Paris are now a lot less snobbish. This change is a major factor in the increase of interest now."

Britain has about 90 Japanese-owned manufacturing firms but the rate of increase of Japanese investment in

France was highest among the 12 nations of the European Economic Community.

"Mrs Thatcher is beautiful but François Mitterrand is more beautiful," was the message Fauroux said he had brought for the Japanese.

Corporate officers in Tokyo say French labour is cheaper than West Germany's and better behaved than Britain's.

Many see France as a continental heartland from which the markets of Europe are quickly and cheaply accessible.

"We have eight factories in Europe and the industrial relations in France are very good," said an employee at Sony,

which has complex of video-related factories in the Bordeaux region.

The Sony employee, who has worked in the company's French subsidiaries, said the central location of France and the availability of skilled managers and workers was a major plus.

He said there had been no major labour relations problems since investment began in 1973 and Sony had tried to meddle with the local community by organising recreational events.

Japanese investment has centred on the consumer electronics sector with Akai Electric and Victor (JVC) also owning considerable businesses.

Most of the increase in Japanese investment should come in the electronics and chemical industries, said a French lawyer working in Tokyo.

France has missed the boat when it comes to a treasure-chest of Japanese riches accompanying expansion to Europe of its world-beating car industry.

He said corporate Japan feared that in the "Fortress Europe" they think will emerge in 1992 when the 12 nations unite into a single trading block, onerous conditions will be attached to any community-bound investments.

"If they don't move this year, they could be too late," said the official.



Government allegations

National Westminster Bank chairman Lord Boardman, 70, in London on Tuesday after resigning along with three other top bank directors over government allegations that the bank misled the stockmarket in underwriting an unsuccessful takeover of Manpower Inc of the USA by the British employment agency Blue Arrow PLC. (Reuter wirephoto)

## GNP growth slows

### Slowdown for economy

WASHINGTON, July 26, (Reuter): Government data to be released this week is likely to confirm that US economic growth is slowing significantly, economists say.

They expect a government report on gross national product (GNP) to be released tomorrow to show about a two per cent average annual growth rate for the April-June period. Some economists are forecasting a growth rate as slow as 1.7 per cent in the second quarter.

"We see the economy shifting down into second gear," said Roger Brinner of the economic analysis firm Data Resources Incorporated.

By the third quarter "it will downshift to first gear," he added. "That compares with a robust 4.4 per cent growth rate during the first three months of the year. But even in the first quarter, the current expansion, now in its 80th month, was showing signs of slowing. Most of the growth was due to the farm sector recovering from a devastating drought."

Excluding the farm sector, GNP grew by a more modest 1.9 per cent in the first quarter.

"The economy is weak," said economic analyst Allen Sinai. "We will be flitting with a mild recession in six to nine months."

The slowdown had been expected. Higher interest rates engineered by the Federal Reserve are beginning to take their toll on growth, particularly in rate-sensitive sectors like housing and automobiles.

Consequently, many economists see GNP growth dropping to below one per cent by the third quarter and some see a least one period of negative growth during the next three quarters.

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## Manila faces slower growth

MANILA, July 26, (Reuter): A forecast slowdown in Philippine economic growth in the second half of 1989 could hurt President Corazon Aquino's development plans unless she adopts stronger leadership, a consultancy firm said in a report released today.

"While President Aquino is in no real danger of being deposed, her lack of executive experience and her loyalty to those she considers personal friends is preventing her from taking the sort of decisive steps necessary to speed up the process of national reconstruction," the Hong Kong-based Political and Economic Risk Consultancy said.

Its Philippine July-December outlook said growth would ease through weakening consumer demand.

The private firm, which assesses business risks in several Asian countries, said inflation would climb as a result of the abolition of food and fuel subsidies and a recent rise in the minimum wage, and would lead to continued tight monetary policies.

The firm gave no half-year figures but forecast real gross national product would grow by 5.70 per cent in 1989 and 6.60 in 1990, against 6.78 in 1988.

The government had predicted 6.50 per cent GNP growth for 1989, but scaled this down in mid-June to 6.00 per cent.

The report said the decision by legislators in May to raise minimum daily wages of workers in metropolitan Manila by 36 per cent and those in other major population centres by 25 per cent "severely damaged" the country's still shaky reputation as having an improved industrial relations climate.

It said the Philippines' emerging economy was badly equipped to absorb the wage hike, which followed trade union strike threats.

"Corruption is another matter that presidential non-leadership has caused to become a major issue against the Aquino administration," the report said.

"Aquino has failed to establish the climate necessary to deter the commission of corrupt acts."

It said opinion polls showed her popularity declining. "She is now being criticised, even by her supporters, for being increasingly remote and offhand about the workings of government..."

The forecast said an aid commitment of \$3.5 billion by donor countries and agencies represented an international vote of confidence in the Philippines' long-term prospects and would provide a significant boost to the economy.

### New gold deposits

NICOSIA, Cyprus, July 26, (AP): New gold deposits have been found in the Moutch region of central Iran, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Abrar daily newspaper as saying 10 deposits had been found in nine years of exploration by Iran's state-run mining company.

The gold-bearing deposits totalled 1.2 million tons and would produce 4.8 tons of gold, according to the report.

## China defiant on sanctions

### No switch to Soviet bloc

BEIJING, July 26, (Agencies): China said today it would not heed Western economic sanctions but would continue its open door economic policy and not turn to the Soviet bloc.

"We stress the principle of self-reliance. If other countries use loans to interfere in the internal affairs of China, we will not heed them," said Liu Xiangdong, spokesman at the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade.

The World Bank and Japan suspended new loans to China in protest at the military suppression of student-led protests on June 4. Many commercial banks followed suit.

Liu told a news conference foreign loans accounted for a very small percentage of China's economy.

Foreign investment, which grew 52 per cent in the first half of 1989 to \$3.019 billion from the same period last year, might be affected in the second half of the year.

"Some foreign investors have misunderstood the real situation and are anxious. They will wait and see," he said.

"But the Chinese market has enormous potential. Who wants to give it up?"

Figures he released showed that China's trade with the Soviet Union in the first five months of

the year rose 31.3 per cent over the 1988 period to \$1.32 billion.

His comments contradicted earlier reports showing a deteriorating trade balance for China and speculation the nation faced a serious shortage of foreign exchange reserves that would cast doubt on its repayment ability.

At the end of April, China's foreign exchange reserves totalled \$19.1 billion, excluding gold.

Customs statistics released by the State Statistical Bureau earlier this month showed a \$5.79-billion trade deficit for the first six months of 1989, up from \$1.22 billion in the first half of 1988.

A report by the official Xinhua News Agency on customs statistics quoted Chinese analysts as saying the deficit could rise to \$10 billion by the end of the year.

The ministry's merchandise trade figures for the first six months of the year showed China's exports at \$19.76 billion, virtually unchanged from the same period last year, while imports totalled 17.47 billion, up 11.8 per cent.

The customs-based figures, unlike the trade ministry's figures, include non-trade financial transfers such as foreign grant aid as well as imports of raw materials for processing.

Liu acknowledged that a deficit could arise in the latter half of the year if the trend toward rising imports and stagnant exports continued. But he said the government would actively seek to boost exports and curb imports to maintain a favourable trade balance.

He also admitted that various projects involving foreign investment, for which contracts have not already been signed, could suffer from the flight of foreign businessmen from China after the Army crushed pro-democracy protests in early June.

"I think some foreign businessmen are worried about the situation so we will have to wait and see for some time," he said.

In the past 10 years, China has received \$3.1 billion in foreign loans and another \$12.1 billion in direct foreign investment. In the past year, the government has sought to curb excessive borrowing by firms using foreign loans.

One reason for Beijing's confidence regarding its ability to repay loans is that more than 70 per cent of its outstanding debts in medium- or low-interest loans, Liu said.

China's average annual debt service rate — the ratio of its repayment to its total export earnings — remains below 10 per cent, compared with rates in other countries generally ranging between 20 and 25 per cent, he said.

But the debt burden will rise substantially in the next few years as loans become due for repayment.

China has said it plans to apply for \$500 million in new loans from the World Bank by early next year, even though, because of the crackdown, the bank has put off considering \$780.2 million worth of loans for which China already has applied.

The bank, the main source of aid to developing countries, is under pressure from the United States and other Western nations to halt new loans to China to express disapproval of the crackdown on dissent.

Most lenders to China have frozen aid or postponed consideration of new loans while they watch political developments.

Liu said China was prepared to go without further assistance if lenders decide to withhold loans.

"We would like to develop economic relations with all countries ... and utilise loans from those countries," he said, "but we will not accept them using those loans as a condition to interfere in China's internal affairs."

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## Warning usually empty threat

## Thou shalt not cheat

By Kenneth R. Bazinet

cheating is usually part of the student code of conduct at most academic institutions: "Cheating will not be tolerated and will lead to disciplinary action if you are caught."

But many psychologists, including something more than an empty threat too weak to keep a student from glancing over at someone else's exam or padding the reference list on a research

paper. "I think for the student who cheats, the expectation that punishment is not forthcoming certainly contributes to it," said Saul Kassin, a social psychologist at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

"It's very much like the American criminal justice system: the likelihood of the guilty getting the maximum penalty is very low. There really is not an effective deterrent," he said.

Be it an inner-city vocational school or an ivy-covered college tucked away in a quiet town, institutions are trying to learn why and how much cheating is going on, but few, if any, have answers that might end an immeasurable trend.

Psychologists claim some students who cheat are driven by what are called "internal forces" and "external forces," both of which amount to a need for academic success and the fear of failure in the classroom.

Anthony Schuman, a professor at Washington University in St. Louis who specializes in family psychology, said an example of a student affected by these "internal forces" is likely to have low self-esteem and will cheat "to gain by other means what they feel they do not do best."

"When you're dealing with students who cheat, you're dealing with students who have self-esteem problems and who do not feel their knowledge or skills are enough to carry out the task," Schuman said.

"External forces" that might drive a student to cheat in school include strict parental influence or excessive peer pressure, experts say.

"If your peers cheat, then you'll cheat and vice versa," said Barbara Lewis, chairwoman of the psychology department at Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

"Parental and career pressures play a part, when parents or a prospective graduate school requires a certain grade for admission," Lewis said.

While most experts agree there is some merit to the internal and external force theories behind cheating, few are willing to cross the ethical boundaries required for a laboratory approach to determine why the trend persists.

Kassin questions whether it would be ethical to structure a research project that would allow psychologists to observe and review students who cheat.

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## Russians to the rescue!

## Fish clean up American waters

By Elliott Minor

IN a novel use of genetic engineering and species transplantation, a Russian fish has been put to work to aid American fishermen.

Transplanted from their homes in Russia and China and made sterile by "shock treatment" after the eggs are fertilized, the plain-cleaning fish have been put to work clearing weeds that snag fishermen's hooks and motorboat propellers.

The white amur was introduced to the United States in 1963. The long, slender fish commonly known as the grass carp has proven effective in controlling underwater and floating weeds, said Tim Murphy of the University of Georgia Service.

"They do an excellent job of cleaning a pond by eating the vegetation," said Paul Williams, co-owner of a hatchery that produces the long, slender fish. "It's going to open up ponds and streams that are unusual."

South Carolina's Water Resources Commission plans to stock Lake Marion, a major recreational area, with 300,000 grass carp over a three-year period. The agency has been able to eliminate some weeds with chemicals, but not hydilla, which has closed large sections of the 11,000-acre lake.

"Grass carp are known to feed on

hydilla," noted Danny Johnson, director of the commission's Surface Water Division.

The Tennessee Valley authority has asked Congress to fund a weed control programme for its 68,000-acre (27,530 hectares) Lake Guntersville in northwestern Alabama. The plan includes stocking the reservoir with grass carp, maybe as early as next year.

The agency has significant weed problems in six of nine major reservoirs along the Tennessee river, said David Webb, a botanist with the TVA's aquatic plant management programme in Muscle Shoals, Ala. "Our primary concern is the hydilla. It's expanding into the shallower areas near the docks. We know it has the potential to replace just about every other thing out there."

Herbicides are often used to control aquatic weeds, but they are expensive and time-consuming to apply, said Murphy. Chemicals also could pose problems if people use the pond for swimming or if the water is used to irrigate crops.

"Stocking with grass carp is usually less expensive than one application of chemicals, and you have something that will last for 10 years," said Williams, who has been selling the fish since 1985.

Grass carp grow about a pound (.45 kilos) a month up to about 15 months. In ponds they typically weigh between 20 (nine kilos) and 30

pounds (13.6 kilos). To get effective weed control, pond owners need 10 to 20 fish per acre (.04 hectare), said Murphy. They cost \$5-10 each.

To keep the non-native fish from getting out of hand, the state department of natural resources requires pond owners to use sterile grass carp in Georgia.

The sterile fish, known as triploids, have 1.5 times the normal number of chromosomes, said Alfred Mauldin, a DNR Fisheries biologist.

To create triploids, breeders like Williams "shock" the eggs just after fertilization with extreme heat, cold or pressure, causing the eggs to retain the extra chromosomes, rendering the offspring sterile. Only triploids will be used in Lake Marion and the Guntersville Reservoir, said Johnson and Webb.

One disadvantage to carp is that they don't provide immediate control. "You will see benefits right away, but I'd say it will normally take two years to get the kind of control that most people will be happy with," Murphy said.

The carp prefer a vegetarian diet and pose no threat to other fish, said Williams. "They're not aggressive feeders as far as competing with other fish. They're not going to fight with your catfish."

(AP)

## Reading for 21st century

By Graham Heathcote

THE British Library is the nation's repository of printed books collected for more than 300 years, but it is now wrestling with a revolutionary idea: being choosy.

"We have 16 million books, and we are choc-a-bloc," says Kenneth Cooper, the chief executive.

"So many new books are appearing that we no longer have the space to keep every one. The problem is: what do we throw out," he said in an interview.

Librarians everywhere face it: what is considered of importance now will be just what's wanted in the next century.

In the 19th century, the British Museum — the foundation of the British Library — threw away the advertisements at the back of the weekly serial parts of Charles Dickens' novels before binding them.

Now social historians study the advertisements and the complete weekly parts are more valuable than first editions of the novels.

"It's an awful dilemma when you think what future generations will say about us and if nobody is going to be satisfied," said Joyce Butcher, an American in charge of acquisitions, processing and cataloguing at the British Library.

"Time and circumstances change the point of view. If we had been around in the 16th

century, we might not have kept (William) Shakespeare's plays because he was outside the academic establishment," said Ms Butcher.

The British Library, formed in 1973 from the books in the British Museum, has treasures ranging from the Lindisfarne Gospels written by a monk about 698 to the original scores of the Beatles pop group in the 1960s.

A library is being constructed for opening in 1993 at a cost of £40 million \$65 million next to St Pancras train station in London.

"If we move to St Pancras all the books in the museum and 17 other buildings in London where we store our books, we would be full right away so we must do something now," Cooper said.

The library commissioned a report on the problem from its own and outside experts who found no alternative to becoming more selective. Their report pointed out a loophole in the 1911 copyright act, which has been an asset but is now a burden.

"We have the same problem, too," said Nancy Bush, information officer at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C., in a telephone interview.

"We thought we are in good shape when we moved into the largest library building in the world in 1981 but we will be out of space in 1992. We are discussing all sorts of solutions, giving some attention to priority and looking for space for 3 million books and serials in secondary storage," she said.

By Smith

ANDY CAPP



Jodi Foster

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Jodie Foster, who won an Oscar for The Accused, faces questions on the controversial movie from the press.

## The Accused mutilated

## Censors confused

By Ruth Youngblood

SINGAPORE (UPI): Jenny Lim couldn't wait to see the movie, *The Accused*, but she emerged enraged at zealous government censors who chopped the rape scene pivotal to the plot.

"The film has been mutilated so badly it's an injustice," said the 35-year-old secretary.

Singapore's cinema fans and film critics in the past have docilely accepted haphazard cuts and dialogue. But they are appalled by the cut of the three-minute gang rape sequence in *The Accused*, which opened here in June, and their anger has sparked unprecedented attacks on the country's censorship policy.

Lim and others contend that cutting the rape scene distorts a major point the movie tries to make — a woman who dresses provocatively is not inviting a sexual assault.

The deletion of the scene "reflected their lack of sympathy and understanding of the plight of the victim," said Constance Singam, President of the women's action group AWARE and a lecturer at Singapore Polytechnic.

Actress Jodie Foster won an Academy Award for her role in *The Accused* in which she plays a street-smart waitress. The highly acclaimed film was based on the 1983 gang rape of a young woman on a barroom pool table in Bedford, Mass., while bystanders urged on her assailants.

Foster said the censors are obviously "confused about the whole question of rape."

"All they can see is the sexual aspect," she said. "Rape is not sex. It's a brutal physical crime inflicted on women because they are seen as weaker."

Slashed from *The Accused* is a sequence, shown as a flashback during the court proceedings, which depicts Foster being held down on a pinball machine in a sleazy bar while three men rape her. Other men cheer, jeer and clap.

The camera unflinchingly descends on the woman's agonized expression as the onlookers in the bar chant encouragement to the rapists, all of which has censored out of the movie here.

Left intact, however, is the prior episode showing Foster, dressed in a skimpy outfit, flirting and dancing seductively just before the rape.

Sonja Tan, reviewing *The Accused* for The New York Times, an English-language daily, said the censors resulted in an unbalanced story.

"We see a provocative woman but we don't see the horror and brutality of what was done to her."

## Susan Dey plays cancer victim

## Inspired by real life

By Judy Byrne

PORTRAYING a young woman under sentence of death was doubly challenging for L.A. Law star Susan Dey.

First, there was her obligation to the real cancer victim Christina Taylor to capture her poignant love-and-death story in *I Love You Perfect* and tell it like it was.

Then there was an older trauma of her own to be kept battered down and inactive for the duration — her own fear of dying young.

But then Susan is no stranger to battles. The actress, whose mother died when she was eight, has beaten bulimia nervosa (the compulsion to overeat) and alcoholism. She says: "The pain of losing my mother was with me for a number of years and the fear of dying haunted me when my own daughter was born."

"I guess it comes under the heading of 'neurosis' although it went away when I turned 30, the age I thought I'd never reach. My closest friend called on that birthday and said 'Ha, ha. You made it. You are just going to have to sit it out with the rest of us.'

Susan was too relieved to care. But it must all have flooded back as she worked on the ABC television movie which she also produced.

The film had been conceived in April 1987, when journalist Jeff Silverman was having dinner in New York and a friend handed him a copy of that weekend's Washington Post magazine. On the cover was a picture of Christina Taylor captioned *To A Woman Dying Young*. She and Silverman had been friends a decade earlier.

Silverman read the story and was determined it should be filmed for TV.

He took the idea to Marcy Gross and Ann Weston of Gross-Weston Productions and told



Susan Dey: for years, she was terrified of dying young

them that if they could get Susan Dey, who resembles Christina, he would help them get the rights to the story.

Susan co-stars in the film with Anthony Denison as Alan Matthews. It tells how the Washington couple's love drew them closer as they learned Christina had invasive cervical cancer despite having an annual test for it.

If her medical clinic had told her of an abnormal test result two years earlier, the problem could have been contained. Instead, it was diagnosed only during emergency treatment for profuse vaginal bleeding.

By then it was irreversible. But knowing she had less than a year to live, Christina's only concerns were to make other women more aware how vulnerable they are and to spend every possible moment with the man she loved.

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the brave woman whose tragic illness made her look outwards towards others.

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## Wildlife tended back to health

By Dennis Austine

VETERINARIAN Jessica Porter doesn't like to lose any of the animals that pass through the wolf hollow wildlife rehabilitation centre, but the recent death of a red-footed booby bird was especially painful.

The bird, which Porter figures was from either Guam or Wake Island and accidentally caught a freighter to the West Coast, had spent a year being nursed back to health at the San Rafael wildlife centre in northern California.

But when it became clear the seabird was suffering neurological damage and couldn't be returned to the wild, it was flown by commercial airline to Porter's centre for more specialized care.

"He was the nicest, sweetest guy," Porter said of the bird that died in May. "We had him three days and he seemed to be doing fine. But then he convulsed and died a few minutes later. It was really hurt. He had the nicest personality ... It just crushed me."

Porter, a slender, long-haired redhead, is a rarity herself. She is one of the few veterinarians in the country who devotes all her time to rehabilitating sick or abandoned animals for an eventual return to the wild.

Wolf Hollow is, in essence, a fledgling itself, having operated strictly as a wildlife centre for only two years under Porter and co-founder Judy Carter. But in its second year, the centre nursed approximately 300 animals back to health at the 40-acre facility and returned them to the wild.

Tended

Most of the creatures have been birds, but the centre had tended large numbers of harbour seal pups and fawns. In late June, the centre was home for seven fawns, three premature harbour seals, a red-tailed hawk and several baby swallows and sparrows.

Most of the deer are ailing or stray fawns, but there is an alarming number of deformed fawns on this rural island about 75 miles (120 km) northwest of Seattle.

We are seeing fawns who are limbless, piebald and have hydrocephalus and other deformities," Porter said. "Our research indicates the deformities are caused from inbreeding since this is a closed system (on the island). But we're not ruling out the possibility of chemicals causing the problems."

Porter said the cause of the seal deformities are obvious.

"The deformities among the seals are not surprising considering all of the chemicals that end up in the water," said Porter, who spent nine weeks in Alaska caring for animals affected by the Exxon Valdez oil spill. "It's enough to stop me from ever eating fish again."

There are about 75 wildlife rehabilitation centres in western Washington, but most of them are small and use veterinarians only on an emergency basis.

But Porter believes there will be a



Two-month-old fawn Pici (Tiny) nestles against Villam (Lightning) the Alsatian, while his mate Aspi rests in the background. The orphaned fawn is being raised by the owners of a local guesthouse in Fawn, Bankonybel, Hungary, and has been adopted by the family's two dogs.

### Dear Junior readers,

A birthday, the anniversary of one's birth. A very special day. We all agree that it is only celebrated once every year. I think it will be reasonable, therefore, to say that it is worth celebrating in the most special way possible.

I have noticed that there have been a great number of birthdays during the past month. Even though you are off school it does not mean that you cannot have a wonderful party, so let all your

friends know about it. Just fill in the coupon and send a photograph of yourself with your favourite interests so that all your pals can help you celebrate this very special day.

However: finding out that it is your birthday a few days too late is of little to no use at all...so please send in all coupons within at least a week of the very special date.

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### Firsts and lasts

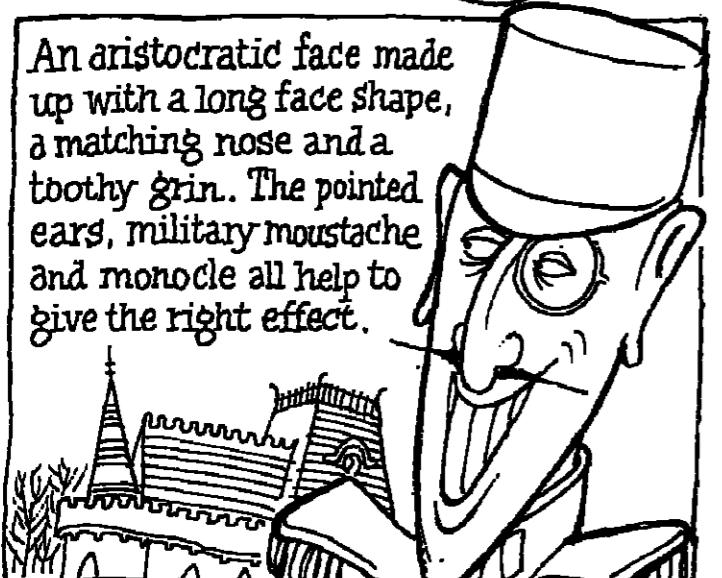
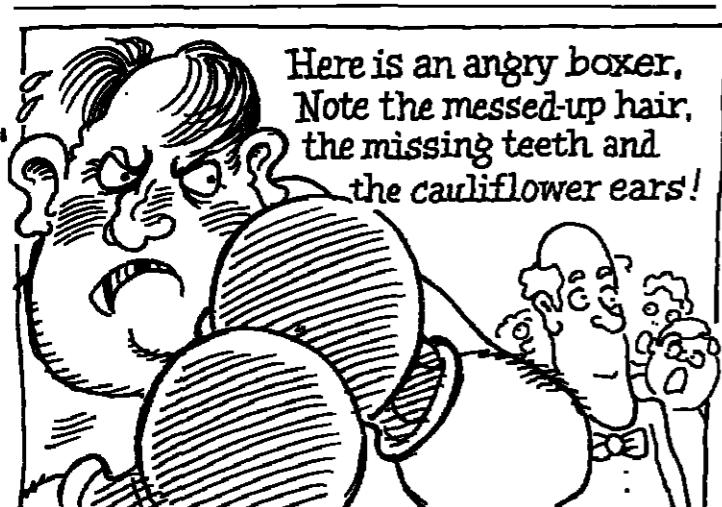
The first controlled flight in a powered aircraft was made at Kittyhawk by Orville Wright. The length of this great flight was in fact shorter than the entire length of a Jumbo Jet!

The first 'barrows' in Britain date from 2,500 BC. They are ancient burial mounds.

The first speed limit for motor vehicles in Britain came in with the 1861 Locomotives Act which laid down a maximum speed of 16.09 km/h (10 mph) on open roads and half that speed in built-up areas. Four years later the speed was cut to just 6.43 km/h (4 mph) for country roads and half that in towns and cities.

When giraffes were first brought to Europe people did not know what to make of them and they were called 'camelopard' because it was believed they were a cross between a camel and a leopard!

The first traffic wardens took to the streets of Britain in 1960.



Here is an angry boxer,  
Note the messed-up hair,  
the missing teeth and  
the cauliflower ears!

### Happy birthday



Ajaz Hamid Kazi celebrated his 6th birthday on July 25. Belated greetings from friends, relatives and family.

Ajaz goes to the Indian School and loves playing carrom.

### Poem

#### OLD JOE CLARKE

Old Joe Clarke, he had a house,  
Was fifteen stories high,  
And every darn room in that house  
Was full of chicken pie.

I went down to Old Joe Clarke's  
And found him eating supper;  
I stubbed my toe on the table leg  
And stuck my nose in the butter.

I went down to Old Joe Clarke's  
But Old Joe wasn't in;  
I sat right down on the red-hot stove  
And got right up again.

Old Joe Clarke had a candy box  
To keep his sweetheart in;  
He'd take her out and kiss her twice  
And put her back again.

American folk song

FLYING FISH
E A D U C A R R A B
L E R E K C A M L B
O T E L L U M A M U
S N A P P E R E O H
C T O B R U B R N C
E O J H A L I B U T
C R E L D D I T S T
A A L L A R T A K I
D G L B A L I C A A
P R Y N E C O B T B
I I F F B D A A E E
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C S S A O P I C T I
H E H N O D I H E H
A W E N R A T O N W
R O B A L O R V C O
D U S P R A T Y H T

Clue: Freshwater fish (7,5 letters)

### Word search

#### HOOK A FISH

ABALONE	JELLYFISH
ANCHOVY	MACKEREL
BARRACUDA	MULLET
BREAM	PILCHARD
BURBOT	PLAICE
CHUB	ROBALO
COELACANTH	SALMON
CUTTLEFISH	SARDINE
DAB	SKATE
DACE	SNAPPER
FLYING FISH	SOLE
GRILSE	SPRAT
HADDOCK	TARPON
HALIBUT	TENCH
HAMMERHEAD	TIDDLER
	WHITEBAIT

### Birthday coupon

Is your birthday to come soon?  
Are you a regular reader of the Junior Times?  
Well, now is the chance to let your friends know that it is your birthday!  
Or maybe you would like to surprise your best friend, brother or sister by putting their picture in for them.

The details we need are:

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Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_  
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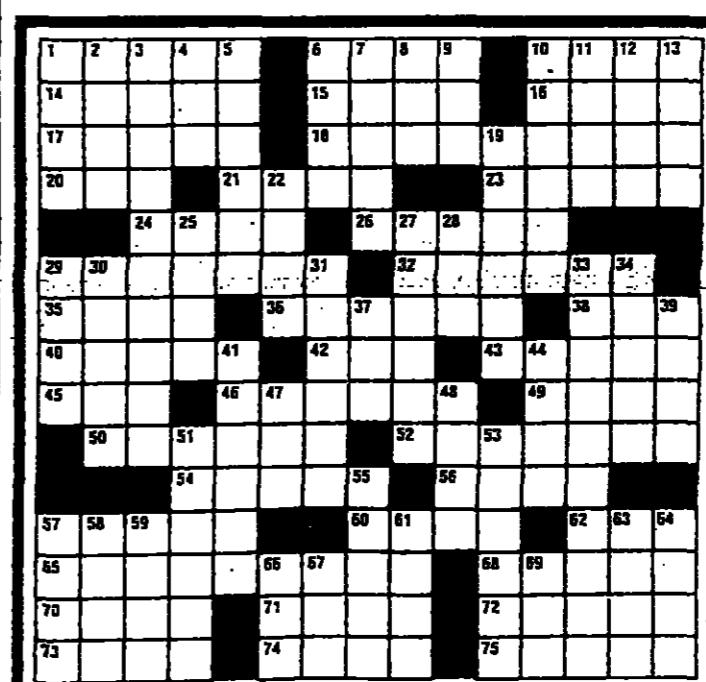
To avoid belated greetings please send within a week before the special date.

Your  
favourite  
most  
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picture  
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### Colouring time



CROSSWORD



### Just for laughs!

Another man went into the butchers. He said, "You got any mince?"  
The butcher gave him a "Polo".

Another man went into the butchers. He said, "I want some lights for the dog."

The butcher said, "Oh your dog likes those does he?"

The man said, "No but I think he needs them now the nights are drawing in."

This man at the butchers, he thought the chicken was too expensive.

The butcher said, "No it's not, it's a poultry sum."

My dad's stoopid. He went to the doctors and the doctor said, "The best thing for you is to give up drinking."

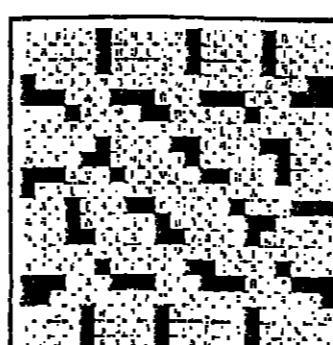
My dad said, "I don't deserve the best thing doctor."

What's the next best?"

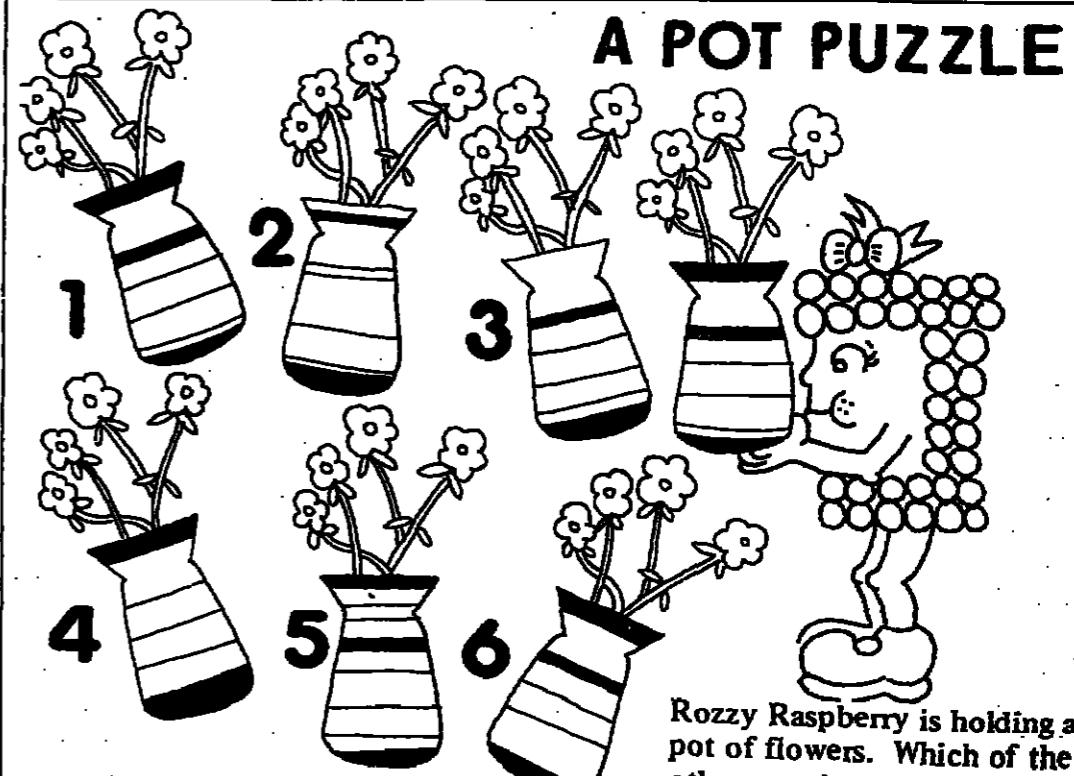
A man came into the classroom looking really sad. He said, "Girls, boys, I'm sorry to have to tell you, but your teacher's mind has gone."

"I'm not surprised," said a girl at the back. "She's been giving us a piece of it every day for a year."

Solutions to Tuesday's crossword



### A POT PUZZLE



Rozzy Raspberry is holding a pot of flowers. Which of the other pots is exactly the same?

### Q OF SPORT

Unscramble the letters to spell five different sports.

1. NINCRUN =
2. DONIMBATN =
3. LABET =
4. NISNET =
5. RONOKES =
6. TOLAFOLB =



## Variations on a theme

## Reviving romance

By: Firoze Rangoonwalla

THE screen has had enough of slums and goondas, of deprived creatures who become anti-socials and of the endless revenge of fistcuffs, knifing, fires and other inhuman tricks. — The audiences are fed up with blood and gore and they have made their choice clear by keeping away from such films. Yet producers mindlessly churn out such action stuff, with the example of *Tezaab* to bolster them.

But then there is also the success of *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* to crow about and of *Ram Lakhan* which was a mixture of both. So there were some takers of the romantic angle and soon a regular trend was started to bring love back again into films. Naturally, many of these films were started with Aamir Khan to cash in on his popularity, with or without Juhu Chawla. But other young romantic pairs like Neelam with Govinda or Chunky are also being tried out.

Among the first stories of this new — found screen love was B. Subhash, who promptly started *Love Love Love* with Aamir, Juhu and Bappi Lahiri's swinging disco music. The season of romance is due to start around August and may prolong into the festival months. But this depends on how long love will last. For all we know, the cinegoers may also turn away from love stories saturated with hack formulas.

Only freshness can come to the aid of romance just as the real-life man-woman relationship also begins to stale and sour if not exposed to fresh currents. Aamir is also featured with Juhu in *Daulat ki Jung*, with the *Qayamat* composers Anand-Milind providing apt songs. For *Isi Ka Nizam Zindagi*, Aamir has Farha for his heroine which is an off-beat pairing. Mahiuri Dixit is his lady love in *Deewana Mugh Sa Nahin* which its makers call a pure romance.

John has Sumeet Saigal as her hero in *Shandaar* and also other films with other lover boys. But the Aamir — Juhu pair is the thing and so the hero's papa Tahir Hussain has banked on them for his home product *Tum Mere Ho* with Anand-Milind again strumming the guitars. Chunky and Neelam will play Romeo — Juliet in *Mitti Aur Sonsa*.

Some unusual type of love stories are also being shaped in some coming films. Yash Chopra claims that his pet project *Chandni* will give a new meaning to love and it will be shot on location, "that is, inside a woman's heart". Rishi and Vinod Khanna rival for the love of Sri Devi and the idea is to revive R.K.'s *Sangam* magic. Rishi is the girl's first lover who goes abroad for treatment. Meanwhile Vinod enters her life and becomes a good friend. Rishi returns cured and this leads to the triangular dilemma.



Neelam and Govinda: a well-tested formula

In Sohanal Kanwar's *Tadap Aisi Bhi Hoti Hai* Chunky's love for Meenakshi is a blind passion. But she does not respond. Two other men come in her life. Chunky keeps on protecting her from the villain, against whom she had given evidence. The villain Nana Patekar and his men beat up Chunky and make him blind. Another woman also enters his life. But love triumphs in the end. Meenakshi saves Chunky and has his sight restored. There is also a romantic sub-plot about Shekhar Suman and Sudha Chandran (who dies in his hands).

It's a wonder how no producer has yet started new versions of *Laila Majnu*, *Shirin Farhad*, *Heer Ranjha* or *Anarkali Salim*. These were the original legends that gave birth to today's love stories.

## Behind the Screen

Faria is so shaken up with the flopping of *Naqab* and some of her other films that she is putting a check on her usual abusive language and blunt behaviour. She cannot go back to *Deewana Aashiq* and its producer Gulshan Arora even for Vindoo's sake. She who left the films because there was no chicken in the lunch is herself turning too chicken to face the man.

Chunky and Neelam are redoing in *Ghar ka Chirag* what Sadhana and Sanjay Khan did in *Ek Phool Do Malai*, which was copied from *Fanny*. In the new film, the odd man or rather the old man out is Rajesh Khanna (in place of Birlaj Sahni). So Kaka has at last accepted his character actor grade gracefully.

Imagine a film being given up because the powers that be, could not decide which hero will kill the villain and both wanted to finish him. This happened to Aamir Khan and Chunky in *(Sahabzade)*, after each one found out the producer's real version. But causes go deeper. Aamir wants to add a dash of roughness to his romantic, drippy molasses image and Chunky does not want the *Tezaab* case to be

repeated. So both abandoned the film.

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Aamir Khan, desperate to give a "good boy" image of himself, issued this notice to the press: "It was reported that I suddenly decided to go abroad on holiday, cancelled the given dates and troubled my producers. My holiday was planned months ago and the dates allotted before and after. I am a newcomer and such false, damaging news can prove very harmful. I am genuinely concerned about my producers. I sign very few films to accommodate all the dates and I am one of the few artists who do not take petrol money and payment for boy and driver from the producer." So what is he trying to say?

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Amrita Singh says she was in the tenth grade at school when she started working in *Betab*. How come she grew up so fast? And did her education go any further?

Jeetendra fondly remembers his old shoes costing only Rs. 18, and keeps talking about them. But then why does he not throw off his costly white shoes which he has made his trade-mark?

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## Star slips

*Aparna Sen*: I don't watch commercial Hindi films. It isn't worth watching something that bores me.

*Raj Babbar*: Now they say I am married to Madhvi! Why don't you talk to those who said I was married to Rekha two years back?

*Prem Chopra*: In the industry, nothing is permanent except me. And to think that I have still a long way to go... it makes me feel great.

Neelam: So what if I am playing Amitabh's daughter in *Indrajit* and not his heroine? It is more respectable to be a daughter than a girlfriend.

*Farha*: If I put on weight, it does not mean I am pregnant. I cannot have a baby without marriage. I am not Neena Gupta.

*Govinda*: Yes, I did hide wife Sunita and daughter Narmada for my own convenience. And I brought them to light when it suited me.

didn't knock down the balcony?"

"We don't have any beavers in this neighbourhood," Thurston protested.

"That's what everybody says," the insurance adjuster added. "Then as soon as I leave, the beavers come out and start chewing on every piece of wood around here."

"Aren't you going to pay for any of this?"

"I'm trying to find something. What happened to the glass door leading out to the patio?"

"A garden umbrella went flying through it on the way to our living room."

"Was it green or striped?"

"A green one."

"Too bad. We're only covering striped umbrellas this summer," the adjuster said.

"Well, that's it. You have been most helpful,"

Martha mumbled.

The adjuster told the Thurstons, "I'd like to do more, but how can I when it's all God's fault?"

"Not that I know of."

"Too bad, because if you did, we'd cut it up and cart it away free of charge," he informed them.

Thurston took the adjuster to the back of the house. "The wind blew my balcony away. You can see it hanging by one strut."

"I have out," your word that it was the wind. How do I know that beavers

## The Art Buchwald Column

## Act of God

easily have been caused by God."

"What's the difference?"

Martha Thurston wanted to know.

"God moves in mysterious ways, but our company doesn't cover Him. If it's His fault, you have a fiddler's chance of us paying the bill."

"It couldn't have been caused by God," Roy said.

"God would never dare hurt Chevy Chase."

"Can we just get down to specifics?" the adjuster pleaded.

"Okay. That tree up there was knocked over by the wind and crashed into my roof, leaving a 10-foot hole over the master bedroom."

"What kind of tree was it?"

"It was a 300-year-old oak."

The man hit the button

on his fax machine. After reading the fax message, he turned to the Thurstons.

"Your policy doesn't cover damage from oak trees."

Now, if a Japanese bonsai had hit the roof, you would be in fat city."

"Why didn't someone tell me that when I bought the policy?"

"Any grade school kid knows that. Do you have some structural damage from a falling Christmas tree?"

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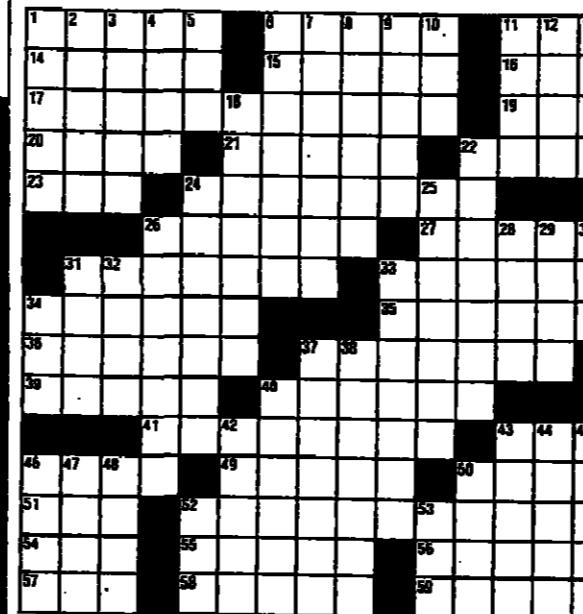
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the result of a storm?" the

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## Wallabies heading for more punishment

SYDNEY, July 26. (Reuters): After a pummelling at the hands of the British Lions, Australia's rugby union team now face more of the same from the masters of scrum-based domination, the All Blacks.

The Wallabies play world champions New Zealand in a one-off Test match for the Bledisloe Cup on August 5, giving coach Bob Dwyer just two weeks to rebuild after the 2-1 defeat by Britain's best in the recent Test series.

The history books will show Australia, after winning the first Test 30-12, were denied their first ever series win over the Lions by just one point, losing the final Test 19-18.

But Dwyer knows his side face demolition if the All Blacks backline — John Kirwan, Terry Wright, Grant Fox and all — are provided with as much high-quality ball as the Lions forwards won for their three-quarters.

The Lions' outgught Australia in every sector of scrum play but the Five Nations mentality of "only run the ball if you have a three-man overlap" prevented a bevy of tries by the visitors' uninspired backs.

"Our play just hasn't been up to scratch, there's no doubt about it," Dwyer said after his Anzac combination side were beaten 19-15 on Sunday.

"I am most concerned that the performances during the Lions' series was not anywhere near good enough to beat the All Blacks. It is a great worry.

"Lack of composure and ball control and sealing the ball off at the breakdown is getting worse. It's not a skill to be able to hold on to the ball," Dwyer said sarcastically.

Time and again in the Test series when an Australian player went down with the ball, it came out clean as a whistle on the opponents' side.

The Wallabies had no answer to the touring side's rolling surges in broken play, led by number eight Dean Richards or flanker Mike Teague, and Australian scrum-half Nick Farr-Jones must have envied the protection offered by the well-drilled Lions unit to counterpart Robert Jones.

Former Wallaby captain Mark Ella warned: "The Australians had trouble countering the driving forward style the Lions adopted during their visit. The All Blacks play a similar sort of game but they will be even better at it than the Lions."

Dwyer used the Anzac game to test some alternatives ahead of the All Blacks clash in Auckland but, worryingly, the problems continued despite the inclusion of old-timers prop Andy McIntyre and flanker Simon Poidevin.

The coach knows he will have to make do with what he has.

## Borg closes Scandinavian part of fashion empire

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, July 26 (AP): Former tennis star Bjorn Borg, harried by apparent conflict with his partners, announced yesterday that he was going out of business in his native country.

Borg said in a public statement that his Scandinavian business partners had

rejected his offer to buy 25 per cent of the Bjorn Borg design group, and that he would shut it down.

"Although I had hoped the company could continue in Scandinavia, which is my home market and I would have given the company my full support, it is with regret that I have to announce the

closure of the company in Sweden," said the English-language statement.

Swedish television, which interviewed directors of Borg's company after they emerged from the closed meeting, suggested in its report that there were behind-the-scenes conflicts over control of the company.

Borg's statement did not mention his other holdings, which are registered in Monaco and the English Channel island of Jersey. They apparently were not directly affected by the move.

The announcement marked the latest in a series of setbacks for the former Wimbledon champion.

The directors of the Bjorn Borg design group were summoned yesterday to seek ways to keep the company solvent.

Last week Borg turned down a rescue offer of \$4.6 million in capital for fear of losing control of the company, which he hoped to build into a Swedish

fashion house modeled after Lacoste of France.

He also is involved in a custody fight for his 3-year-old son, Robin, and has met repeated delays in arranging a marriage with Italian rock singer Lorendana Berte, who is waiting for her divorce.

## Mayotte tames Ross

### Krishnan defeats Jones

WASHINGTON, July 26. (Agencies): Top-seeded Tim Mayotte of the United States yesterday overcame a first set challenge and high humidity against countryman John Ross 7-6 (7-3), 6-2 in the second round of the \$415,000 D.C. Classic.

Tenth-seeded Paul Chamerlin, fresh from his quarter-final showing at Wimbledon, defeated qualifier Martin Barba, also in the US 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

Seventh-seeded Derrick Rosato, 11th-seeded Todd Witsken of the US, 12th-seeded Ramesh Krishnan of India and 14th-seed Jimmy Arias of the United States all advanced to the third round.

Sixteenth-seeded Jeff Tarango of the US was upset by South African Gary Muller 7-5, 6-1 in a serve-and-volley contest that was played in the middle of the day when the on-court temperature soared to 104 degrees.

Ross, 267 in the world, had Mayotte on the ropes in the first set when he broke Mayotte with a backhand return winner to take a 5-4 lead, but he managed only one point when he served for the set in the 10th game.

Mayotte, 11 in the world, forced the set into a tiebreak, which he swept by winning the first five points and never letting Ross in the match after that, scoring two breaks in the second set for the victory.

Ross, who has played just six weeks in the past 11 months due to injuries, was disappointed that he could not take advantage of

his opportunities against Mayotte in the 95 minute match.

"Usually a guy like Tim

Mayotte won't give you opportunities like that. I'm disappointed I didn't play well enough to (set) out," said Ross.

Mayotte admitted that his first serve was not as potent as he would like, but added that he is trying to make the transition to hard courts.

"It's my first match on hard courts in a while. For me, going from grass (at Wimbledon) to

hard is the most difficult. The ball bounces so low on grass and so high on these courts," said Mayotte.

Krishnan wore down Kelly Jones 6-4, 3-6, 6-0, and Arias combined a newfound big serve with his familiar baseline game to rout Steve Bryan 6-2, 6-0 in one hour.

Arias, who came to the net only once, served an uncharacteristic six aces and lost only five points on his last three service games, two of them on consecutive double faults.

Although a straight-set winner, Witsken struggled before fighting off a game point in the pivotal ninth game of the first set, finally breaking Canada's Doug Burke and riding that momentum to his only other break in the third game of the second set. Witsken won 7-5, 6-3.

"I played the big points well and that was the difference," Witsken said. "I was fortunate to put two good games together at that point and break him."

### Results

#### First round:

Ramesh Krishnan (12), India, def. Kelly Jones 6-4, 3-6, 6-0. Jimmy Arias (14), def. Steve Bryan 6-2, 6-0. Javier Frana, Argentina, def. Jimmy Brown 5-7, 6-3, 6-4. Barry Moir def. Broderick Dyke, Australia 6-4, 6-3. Jim Grabb def. Karsten Braasch, W. Germany 6-2, 6-3. Mark Kretzmann, Australia, def. Neil Caswell, (4-7), 6-0, 6-0.

#### Second round:

Tim Mayotte (1) def. John Ross 7-6 (7-3), 6-2. Paul Annacone (6) def. Doug Burke, Canada 7-5, 6-3. Derrick Rosato (7) def. Philip Johnson 7-6 (7-4), 7-5. Paul Chamberlin, (10) def. Martin Barba, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

Third Witsken (11) def. Neil Broad, South Africa, 6-4, 6-4.

Gary Muller, South Africa, def. Jeff Tarango (16), 7-5, 6-1.

Simon Youl, Australia, def. Miguel Nido, Puerto Rico, 6-2.

Richey Reneberg, Richard Fromberg, Australia, 6-1, 6-3.

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## Shakoor will not stand in Tests: Abbasi

KARACHI, Pakistan, July 26. (Reuter): Shakoor Rana, the Pakistani cricket umpire involved in a bitter row with England captain Mike Gatting on the Faisalabad pitch in 1987, will no longer stand in future Tests after failing to attend a refresher course.

"If an umpire does not turn up at a refresher seminar, it means he is not interested," Arif Ali Khan Abbasi,

secretary of the Board for Control of Cricket in Pakistan (BCCP) said yesterday. "He will not be considered for umpiring in Test matches," he added.

But Abbasi said Shakoor had not been dismissed. "There is no question of sacking when the BCCP did not hold any examination," he said.

Abbasi said the BCCP had organised three refresher courses in three seminars

for the benefit of umpires who wanted to be updated on the latest techniques. He said Shakoor, Amanullah and Javed Akhtar did not show up.

"Nobody should feel insulted, there was no rating after the seminars," Abbasi added.

He said Pakistan had set up an umpiring committee headed by former Test captain Zaheer Abbas to raise standards. The

BCCP had also introduced an exchange programme with New Zealand and India in order to train and improve the quality of umpires.

England considered abandoning their tour after the heated exchange between Shakoor and Gatting. The pair accused each other of swearing in a dispute over field placings. More than a day's play in the second Test was lost.

## Expos take Phillies to task

### Bonilla helps Pirates beat Mets



Bonilla: lays down the lumber

May 28, made a loser of Don Carman, 2-11.

Padres 6, Reds 2

The Reds matched their longest losing streak in three years at nine games and San Diego's Ed Whitson tied a career-high with his 14th victory as the Padres beat Cincinnati.

Garry Templeton singled

home two runs and Shawn Abner hit a three-run homer as the Padres broke a four-game losing streak.

Dodgers 6, Astros 0

Tim Belcher tied teammate Orel Hershiser for the National League lead with his fourth shutout as the Los Angeles Dodgers ended the Houston Astros

four-game winning streak. Belcher, 7-9, pitched a five-hitter for his fourth complete game, striking out nine and walking five.

Pirates 4, Mets 2

Bobby Bonilla singled to break a 2-2 tie in the eighth inning as the Pittsburgh Pirates, cashing in on a walk and an error, cooled off the New York Mets.

The Mets, who had won six straight games, fell to 4-2-2 games behind Montreal in the National League East.

Giants 5, Braves 4

San Francisco parlayed a deflected grounder of losing pitcher Derek Lilliquist into the go-ahead run and Mike Lacoss pitched the Giants to victory over the Atlanta Braves.

Lacoss, 5-6, gave up six hits over seven innings, struck out two and walked two in handing the Braves their sixth straight defeat. He also figured in the Giants' tie-breaking run in the fifth inning.

Twins 9, Orioles 3

One victory short of last year's total, the Baltimore Orioles are playing like it's 1988 again.

The Orioles lost their sixth straight game last night and saw their American League East lead grow even smaller, falling to the Minnesota Twins 9-3.

"We're hurting ourselves three ways. We're not pitching well, we're not fielding well and we're not hitting well," manager Frank Robinson said. "We're not just doing anything."

Baltimore's losing streak is its longest of the season. Its lead 7-2 games last week, was cut to 4-2-2 by Toronto, and the rest of the division is catching up.

"We're still in first place," losing pitcher Dave Schmidt said. "We had hoped to play 600 ball the second half of the season, but we're playing teams for the division now. They know we're for real and it's tough. But we have to be tough, too."

In other games, Toronto beat Texas 4-0, California defeated Oakland 4-0, New York stopped Cleveland 5-1, Boston routed Kansas City 10-0, Chicago stopped Detroit 7-6 and Detroit stopped Milwaukee 7-2.

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